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UNDER THE PUNKAH.

By J. PENN.

Thirty men in the Colony to every girl—can it really be as bad (or good) as that? No wonder when I try to get booked up (well in advance, of course) for St. Andrew's and the other "posh" balls the ladies always say:—"No sorry, Mr. Penn, but you are just too late! I did see two dances for you until yesterday, but then I booked them, as I thought perhaps you were not going. Sorry!" I quite agree with the gentleman who wrote to the Editor the other day that it is no use going to a dance if you have nobody to dance with. People are so very precise in Hong Kong, and a man who went on the floor and started to do a fox-trot all by himself would get hauled out very quick. Why, you are not permitted even to approach a lady and ask her if she will give you the honour and pleasure of a dance—no, not even if your manner of approach is most decorous. It simply "isn't done" in Hong Kong, old boy, and if you try to do it, the manager will tap you on the shoulder and tell you there is plenty of room outside. What possible harm there can be in politely approaching a lady in a public place and asking her for a dance I don't know. The lady, if she does not like the look of the gentleman, has only to say "no," and the matter is settled; he will promptly fade away, and that's all there is to it.

However, somehow or other it has come to pass that such is not the approved manner of doing things, and woe to him who dares defy the convention. Hence the appeal the other day for a Palais de Danse, where one can get a partner by the simple process of handing a lady a pink or blue ticket costing, say, twenty cents. I don't see why not—and what about some of the girls in the Colony who may not have many boy friends to dance with? Why not also have a dozen or so nice young men available as dancing partners for twenty cents a time? I don't put this suggestion forward in order to boost myself. My high forehead goes so far towards the back of my neck that no girl would be likely to choose me as a partner; moreover, a bad hunch and a gouty knee on the other limb makes dancing more of penance than a pleasure for me, but I know several young men who could—and I believe would like to—earn a little extra cigarette-money by becoming dancing partners. Anyhow, I think the question of a Palais de Danse should be thoroughly discussed, and if it is any encouragement I may say that Bottlewhaithe warmly approves the idea—though I suspect Mrs. B. will have something to say on the matter when—and if—George suggests going out one evening after dinner to buy himself a dollar's worth of dance-tickets instead of taking the dog out for a run.

How I envy those people who are always able to say the "right" thing at the right time. I was dining at the Astor Hotel the

other night, and my friend started—very rudely, I must confess—at a man sitting at the next table who was inhaling soup rather noisily. "What are you looking at?" angrily demanded the soup sucker. "Sorry," said my friend, politely, "thought you'd fallen in!"

I see my old friend Tommy Dewar has been shooting off some more epigrams. In addition to distilling whisky, Sir Thomas is adept at distilling little gems of thought which have become generally known as Dewarisms. Here are some of his latest:—

Life is a one-way, and there is no coming back.
Man was born to sorrow—when he gets too old to fall in love he gets rout.

Sport gives the mind a holiday and stops you musing the ponderous thoughts of life and its perplexities.

The country that is considered in the forefront of civilization is the one which can make the most deadly poison-gas, and send missionaries to convert the heathen. No man can tell the discoveries the Scotch have made for the benefit of civilization.

Ninety per cent. of those going back to the land are carrying golf clubs.

The surest way to be happy is to get so busy that you have no time to be unhappy.

Let us live our lives so that the undertaker will be the only one who will rejoice when we die.

Ability without enthusiasm—and you have a rifle without a bullet.

I looked into the *Daily Press* office during the week just to see how the Editor was getting on—he simply loves to have people call and stay for a friendly chat lasting an hour or two, smoking his cigars and drinking tea—and found him frantically booked. He had just picked up a packet taken from a mountain of mail which had just arrived, and seeing it marked "Samples of No. Value" was going to toss it into the editorial W.P.B. "More samples of paper," he grumbled, but for some unknown reason he stayed his hand, opened the packet, and found—

samples and prices of ladies' handkerchiefs! Now why British merchants seeking business overseas should imagine that Editors want to buy several gross of ladies' handkerchiefs is a mystery, but the facts are as I have stated. Yet they say British business-men are not enterprising! By circularizing all the Editors in the world they may some day find one who has enough money to buy his wife a gross of fancy handkerchiefs.

The centre half-back had palpably tripped the opposing centre forward and had been justly penalised and rebuked by the referee.

"Hard luck, Sammy," shouted a fervent supporter to the half-back.

"Hard luck!" echoed an evidently impartial spectator. "Where was the hard luck in that?"

"Ref. saw him," was the reply.

Since I reported (exclusively) in this column some recent boxing activities in the Happy Valley sector, the training of the Wong Nei Chung rustics for the forthcoming tournament has been seriously interfered with from various causes. No further practice-bouts have taken place at the Stadium, and it seems doubtful at the moment whether there will be any contenders in the main event for the Broadwood Belt. One of the principals who searched further afield (including the ranks of the Gineally Gangsters and Hollywood Heroes) for a number of chicken-weights to engage the local Bravados has reported unfavourably on the prospects. Mah-jongg cramp seems to be a general complaint with the arrival of the cold weather, and the decrease in the number of mosquitoes has had the effect of stiffening the limbs of many intending competitors. The lack of vacant houses in the sector for indoor practice has also proved a serious handicap. Moreover, whistling exercise has deprived one competitor of a tooth, and repairs may have to be left over until the arrival of the new dentist. In this connection—having nothing to do with the subject—it has to be recorded that the popular revival of that ancient ditty, "It ain't gonna rain no more," recently dispersed the Kaolin which had been deposited among the clouds, and the result was evident in the downpour during the cricket Interport. Happy Valley, however, perhaps owing to its close proximity to the cemetery, still has a number of retired amateurs (and professionals) who may yet be induced to "come back." A suggestion is on foot to re-name the candidates on the system of subscription griffins, but more of this and tramping notes (and times) when news arrives from the isolated camps. (If, dear reader, you can't make head or tail out of all this, don't worry about it. Obviously this particular paragraph does not interest you, but it will others.)

When a girl has a very fine profile, she always puts on plenty of side.

So do the young men (and the old 'uns) similarly favoured.

Bottlewhaithe was telling me the other day about a friend who had a grievance. The Jockey Club, in their announcements of coming race-meetings, always emphasise in black type the fact that no children are allowed in either enclosure on any pretext. Quite right, too, but how is the word "children" to be defined? That's where the trouble begins. Bottlewhaithe's pal has a daughter—never mind how old she is—and he wanted to take her to the races, but mamma said no, the Committee would not allow it, so they argued and argued about it for hours until at last papa said: "Very well; shorten her skirts and give her stockings to wear instead of socks, and she'll pass muster all right."—And she did!

Diary of Coming Events.

To-day.
(November 23.)
Accession of the Queen of the Netherlands 1890.
Cricket:—Div. I: H.K.C.C. v. Indian R.C. (P). Craigengower v. Navy (F). Kowloon C.C. v. Army (F). Chinese R.C. v. Combined Schools (F). Div. II: Recreation v. Craigengower (L). Indian R.C. v. H.K.C.C. (F).
Football:—Div. I: K.O.S.B. v. Chinese, St. Joseph's v. Navy, Club v. South China, Recreation v. Police, Kowloon v. Royal Artillery, Div. II: K.O.S.B. v. South China "A", Royal Artillery v. Eastern, Recreation v. Navy, R.A.M.C. v. St. Joseph's, Chinese "B" v. Chinese "A", Club v. Ewo, Kowloon v. South China "D".
Queen's Theatre: "Movietone Folies."
World Theatre: "Where East is East."
Star Theatre: "Tempt's Last Case."
Tea Dances: Hong Kong Hotel, and Peninsula Hotel, 5 p.m.
Dinner Dances: H.K. Hotel, Peninsula, and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.
Wellington Barracks, 8.30 p.m.
Kowloon Football Club Dance (in Aid of Earl Haig Fund) 9 p.m.

Tides: High, 1.03 a.m.; Low, 9.23 a.m.
European Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Kashgar), 10.30 a.m.; Europe via Siberia (Tyndareus), 10 a.m.

Sunday.
(November 24.)
Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Trinity.
Golf: Jasper Clark Cup, and Qualifying round for Championship, Fanling.
Fanning Hunt Steeplechase, Kwanti.
Interport Tennis:—Miss Enid Lo (Hong Kong) v. Miss Crawford (Shanghai), 10 a.m.; Mrs. Tottenham and Miss Enid Lo (Hong Kong) v. Miss Crawford and Miss Firth (Shanghai), 2.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Four Devils" (talking picture).
World Theatre: "Harold Lloyd Comedies."
Star Theatre: "Daredevil's Reward."
Tea Dances: Repulse Bay Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
Tides: High, 2.39 a.m. and 6.27 p.m.; Low, 10.34 a.m. and 9.24 p.m.

Monday.
(November 25.)
Pianoforte recital (Mr. Harry Ore's pupils) City Hall, 5.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Four Devils" (talking picture).
World Theatre: "Harold Lloyd Comedies."
Star Theatre: "Daredevil's Reward."
Tea Dances: Hong Kong Hotel, Peninsula Hotel, 5 p.m.
Dinner Dances: H.K. Hotel, Repulse Bay Hotel, and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m.
Tides: High, 4.18 a.m. and 6.41 p.m.; Low, 11.29 a.m. and 11.30 p.m.
European Mails:—Outward: Europe via Siberia (Fushimi Maru), 10.30 a.m.; Europe via Victoria, B.C. (Pres. McKinley), 9 p.m.

Tuesday.
(November 26.)
Queen of Norway Born 1809.
H.K. Stock Exchange Settlement Day.
Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.
K.B.S.F.P.A. Annual Meeting, 5.30 p.m.
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Queen's Theatre: "The Four Devils" (talking picture).

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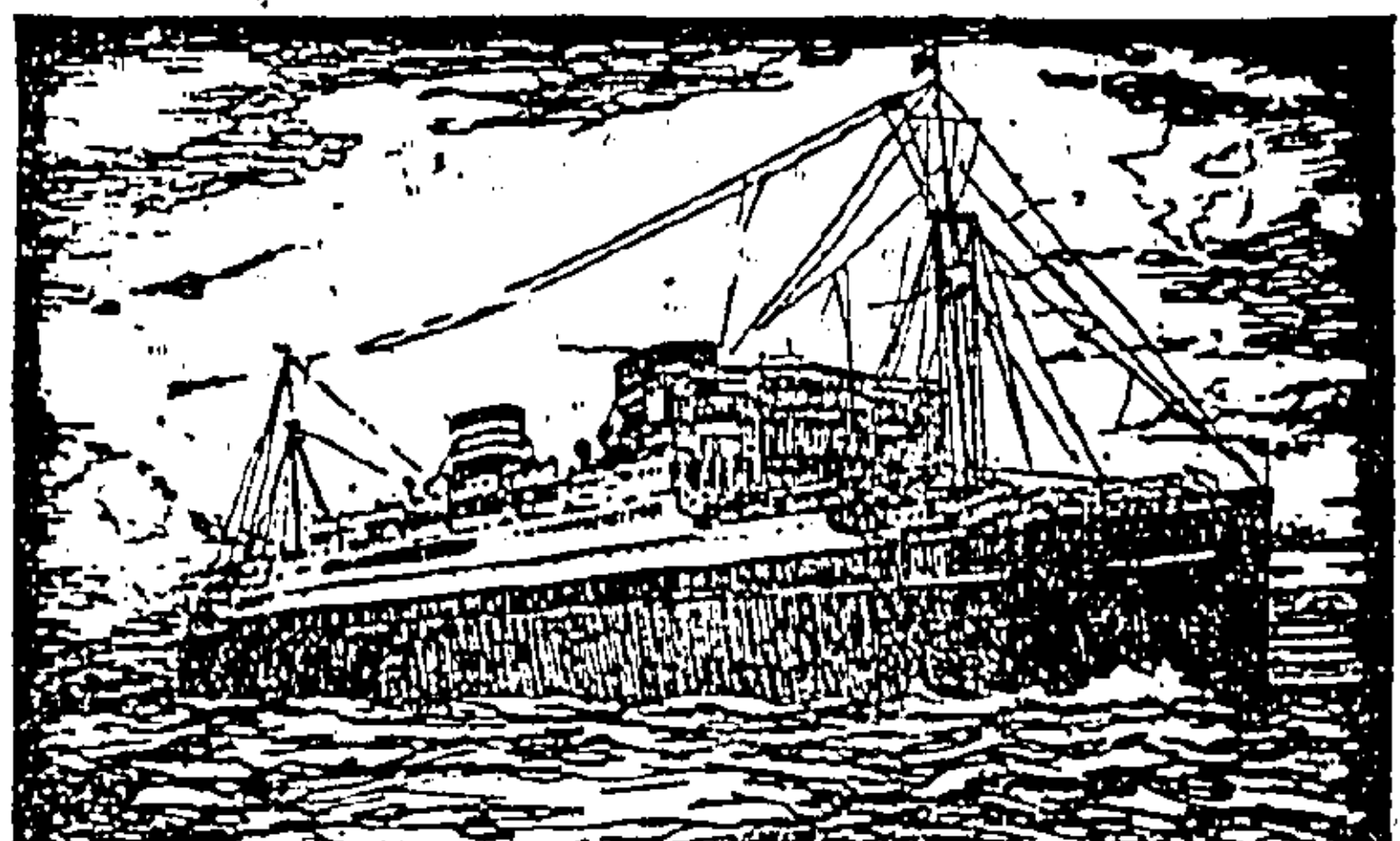
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CHINESE DIPLOMAT ON THE SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE.

The Central Union of Chinese Students in Great Britain and Ireland celebrated the anniversary of the Chinese Republic on October 10. The gathering took the form of a reception and luncheon at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly Circus, and included, besides the students, a number of notable guests, among whom were the Rt. Hon. George Lansbury, M.P., First Commissioner of Works; Dr. W. C. Chen, the Chinese Chargé d'Affaires and Mrs. Chen; H.R.H. Prince Chula of Siam; Mrs. Bertrand Russell; the Mayor and Mayoress of Kingston-on-Thames; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cox; Mr. Chang Kai Ngau, Governor of the Bank of China, and Mr. Chan Kuang Pu, manager of the Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank and a Director of the Bank of China.

Mr. S. Sze, President of the Union, who received the guests, and presided at the luncheon, proved an excellent host.

Things Quite Untrue.

After the toast of "The King," Dr. W. C. Chen submitted that of "The Republic of China." In doing so he said that this would be the last time he would be with them in his present capacity, because in two weeks' time their minister would be here. He had been waiting for this for the last four years, and now that the time had come he was almost beyond himself. Dr. Chen then made reference to shortcomings of the Press in relation to things Chinese. He noticed in connection with the Chinese wedding in the Legation they said some things which were quite untrue. One of the papers said that the bride and bridegroom had met only two or three times which was not a fact. Another paper said there was no wedding cake. Those who went to the wedding saw the cake—and it was a very big one. He was afraid errors of this kind happened too often. There had been so many criticisms by the English journals printed in "China" that the Chinese people seemed to be afraid of them. Not only did they criticise everyday affairs, but they criticised and commented unfavourably about the Government. If he, Dr. Chen, turned the tables and saw some Chinese running newspapers in London daily and hourly almost criticising the British Government, he would like to know from Mr. Lansbury what the Government would do? (Laughter.) He believed Scotland Yard would soon get to know about it. (Laughter.) Therefore, due to this fact, he appealed to the Press to be not so favourable in commenting upon things Chinese, but to be true to facts. The Chinese did not want favours, but they would like to have the truth told. He thought he was voicing the sentiments of all present when because of the Press holding unique power in the moulding of opinion, he craved for fair treatment.

China's Foreign Policy.

Dr. Chen then spoke of what was going on at the present time in China and what they hoped for in the near future. As they all knew, there was some trouble in the southern part of the country, and in the north they were at loggerheads with their neighbours, Soviet Russia. He had reason to believe, however, and his information tended to confirm the belief, that these troubles would soon be settled and that order and peace would soon be restored, which was what they all wished to have. He did not like to say anything against Soviet Russia, because the British Government had come to terms with them, and being friends with Great Britain they did not want to say anything against Great Britain's friends. But China had been friendly towards Russia. Her foreign policy had been the same as that of the other foreign Powers, "friends to all, enemies to none." China had not been the enemy of anyone, let alone her closest neighbour, Soviet Russia. In addition to that fact China had signed the Kellogg Pact and pledged herself not to use war as an implement to settle any dispute, and she had kept her word. In the skirmishes that had taken place in the north-east part of their country they would notice that all the raids had taken place on Chinese territory. Chinese troops had never crossed the frontier on to the Siberian side. Therefore, China could rightly claim that she had never been the aggressive party in the struggle. Some might ask why, after several months of quarrelling, they had not come to terms. He, Dr. Chen, did not think that they could expect that if there was no reasonable safety, even the individual would not yield to certain of the Soviet demands. Having no security with regard to propaganda, how could a self-respecting Government be expected to yield to any demands of whatever kind? China was justified in holding out, because she was not sure of the promise made in this respect. As soon as China was reasonably assured on that account, she would be the first to come to terms, and the public would fully understand the

standpoint of the Chinese Government. As to the activities of the Soviet representatives in China, he had conclusive proof in the form of publications which were in his hand, and if anybody wished to have these facts he would be only too pleased to send them. "If we dispose of these two factors in the near future," continued Dr. Chen, "the Republic of China will march again into the bright sunlight which it enjoyed before the clouds gathered in the spring." In conclusion, Dr. Chen took leave of the Students' Union. He did feel, he said, that the Republic of China would have a long life because of the young people who were destined to take an active part in the near future. As he looked upon the intelligent crowd of young men and women in that gathering he could not but feel that the future of his country was assured. He asked them to drink to the Republic of China. "Long live the Republic of China." (Applause.)

The toast was enthusiastically honoured.

The Chairman then called upon the Rt. Hon. Mr. George Lansbury (who was down on the toast list to respond to the toast of "The Guests") to address them, as Mr. Lansbury was anxious to get away for another appointment, and he (the Chairman) would propose the health of the guests later.

The Golden Age.

Mr. Lansbury gave a spirited address, a welcome to youth and to the aid which he expects it to give to a closer friendliness and co-operation between the peoples of the world. It would be their chief task, he said, to break down the artificial barriers set up by class, creed, and race. He recalled the early days when Chinese and Japanese who came to London learned so often the arts of modern warfare. These young students, he thought, wanted to learn how to get rid of armaments and force and how to bring East and West together to bridge over economic difficulties. Wars were nearly always actuated by some economic question. There was more real knowledge of men and women today than ever before in the history of the world, and agencies such as wireless were helping nations to understand each other. The new spirit abroad in the world encouraged him to believe that the doctrine of co-operation would conquer the spirit of domination. Speaking for himself, he said that the people of this country had nothing but goodwill toward the people of the East. He believed that the object of the British democracy in relation to the farflung Empire would be to draw from itself and from other nations all the things that would help to build up a brotherhood of man. He recognised that in the economic sphere they would have a hard task to adapt their economic relationships in such a way that one nation should not lower the standard of living of another. He did not know how it was to be done, but it was a task in which the young people of the East and of the West must help. It was their task to discover how the abundance of things the world produced could be so distributed that no one should be starved or homeless. "The future of the world is going to be more glorious than its past has ever been," he said. "I am sure that you who are living to-day and the workers throughout the world are going to build that more glorious future." (Applause.)

The Guests.

Proposing the toast of "The Guests," the chairman said he must, in the first place, thank Dr. Chen very warmly indeed for the kind remarks he had made, and at the same time he, Mr. Sze, would like to echo Dr. Chen's high sentiments of the eighteenth anniversary celebration. With the impending arrival of a new minister, whom they would be welcoming within the next fortnight, that was an especially fit occasion on which to express to Dr. Chen their real inestimable thanks for his continued and generous interest in their Union throughout the years he had been in charge at the Legation. (Applause.) Most of them knew, and would never forget, the cheerfulness and success with which Dr. Chen negotiated those difficult years of national and international crisis. For such

good cheer and such goodwill all well-wishers of their respective countries must owe Dr. Chen a very real debt of gratitude. They were all glad that Dr. and Mrs. Chen would not be leaving for another diplomatic post outside Great Britain, but instead they offered him their hearty congratulations on his promotion to the rank of Counsellor of the Legation in London. (Applause.) He also had the honour to extend their most cordial welcome to one of His Majesty's Ministers, the First Commissioner of Works. Mr. Lansbury had their full and reverent respect, not only because of his distinguished career, but perhaps even more for his distinguished character and example.

Visitors From China.

He would like to extend an equally warm welcome to their two distinguished visitors from China, who might be called their leading ambassadors in the realm of finance. He had taken the liberty of welcoming them together, as he understood, on very good authority, that they were inseparable as friend and as partners—Mr. Chang Kiangau, the Governor of the Bank of China, and Mr. Chen Kuangpu, who was the Manager of the Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank, and was also a Director of the Bank of China. He hoped that they were both having a very enjoyable, as well as successful, stay in this country. (Applause.)

Sino-British Relations—An Appeal.

Happily, the relations between their respective countries, between China and Great Britain, could be said to have improved surely, steadily, and consistently throughout the year. Might he, in conclusion, be permitted to say a few words on what they considered an important factor in maintaining that improvement in Sino-British relations? Between their two countries probably no outstanding question loomed larger than that of the old treaty privileges of British subjects in China. And since that question of extraterritoriality would very likely be considered again in the near future, may they make an appeal to their British friends to give the matter not only their sympathetic but also their broadest consideration, to consider it, from other than the purely legal viewpoint, and, above all, not to forget the advantages which an early agreement would bring. (Applause.) The basis of all international dealings from then on must be one of goodwill. Surely the goodwill of China, that colossal market, was worth more than all the petty little local legal incidents which might occur. Was not open goodwill a far better passport to their Chinese customers than an ineffective insistence on agreements, which they, the Chinese, considered out of date? Let them think of the population of China of its birth rate, and then realise the

Sino-British Relations—An Appeal.

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CHURCH NOTICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONG KONG.

NOVEMBER 24, 1929: 1:00 p.m. Festival Sunday next before Advent:—Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Holy Communion (Peak Church) at 8 a.m. Children's Service at 10 a.m. Sunday School at Peak School at 10 a.m. Matins and Sermon at 11 a.m. Preacher—Rev. C. B. Shann, War-der of St. John's Hall. Evensong at 6 p.m. Preacher—Rev. H. V. Koop. Special Notice. Collecting throughout the day will be given to the Missionary Work of the Diocese. [97]

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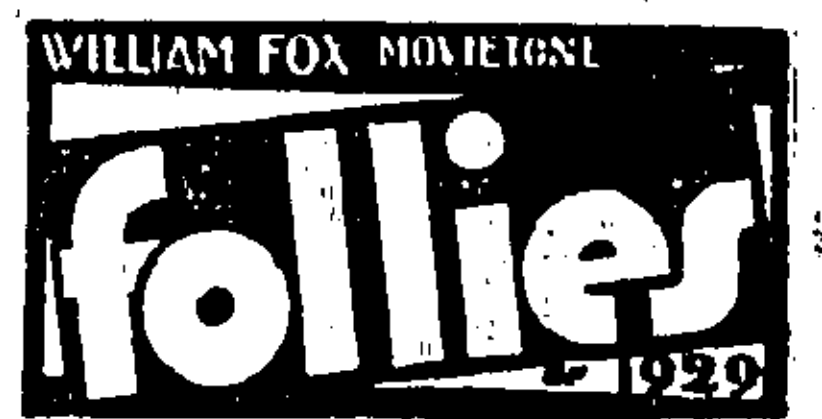
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thousands of new individuals growing up every day in an atmosphere not quite conducive to that goodwill. No time should be lost in order to reap the advantages of an early settlement. (Applause.) He had spoken openly and frankly, he may have spoken bluntly, and certainly most undiplomatically, but he, Mr. Sze, hoped it would be excused on its sincerity. If anyone wished well of England it should be the Chinese students of Great Britain, they who had had the privilege and benefit of that country's hospitality and learning. It was, he assured them, as grateful well-wishers of their country that the Chinese humbly made that appeal. (Applause.)

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DIFFICULT DECISIONS

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



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MATCH A SAMPLE, AND ONE OF THOSE OVERPOWERING
SALES LADIES PRODUCES SOMETHING ABOUT TWO SHADES
OFF WHICH SHE INSISTS IS A PERFECT MATCH; AND
YOU DON'T DARE CONTRADICT HER, AND YOU DON'T
RELISH WHAT YOUR WIFE WILL SAY IF YOU BUY IT.

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HONG KONG FLOWER SHOWS.

REMINISCENCES OF YAUMATI AND KOWLOON.

PORTUGUESE HORTICULTURAL PIONEERS.

[BY THE HON. MR. J. P. BRAGA]

A flood of reminiscences is recalled by Mr. Ho Leung's speech at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society yesterday afternoon.

Departing from the stereotyped form of speeches on such occasions, the popular President of the Society made brief allusion to the exhibitors at the Annual Flower Shows of nearly half a century ago, when the residents of Hong Kong did not number a quarter of the European population of the present day, and yet there was considerable enthusiasm in the Shows held at Hong Kong at that time.

His mention of Yaumati and Kowloon when they retained their earlier simplicity with small Chinese villages scattered here and there inhabited by poor fishermen and a few farmers, brings to memory the pioneering enterprise of the early foreign settlers of Hong Kong, prominent among whom were members of the Portuguese community, many of whose descendants now take an active part in the social and municipal affairs of the Colony.

Genesis of "Delmar."

"Delmar," spoken of by the Society's President yesterday conveys no meaning to the present-day residents of Hong Kong. An explanation is of local historical interest. "Delmar" was the summer villa of two close friends—the late Mr. Delmar Noronha and Mr. Marcos Calisto do Rozario. Noronha was the founder and proprietor of the firm of Government printers and publishers which retains to the present day. Mr. Rozario was the managing proprietor of Rozario & Co., a Portuguese merchant firm of importers dealing principally in Australian products in the days of the sailing ships.

If I remember correctly it was in 1876 that these two gentlemen bought K. F. Lots 2 and 3 with a total area of 3 acres of agricultural land. Lot 2 bordered on the sea with a beautiful bathing beach in Yaumati Bay. Lot 3 was farther inland. The sites were about 300 yards from the Yaumati Police Station northward of the Water Pumping Station which was not built until more than 20 years after.

On K. F. L. 2 Messrs. Noronha and Rozario, as joint owners, built a two-storey summer villa of brick and mortar which was named "Delmar," formed by the first syllables of these two gentlemen's Christian names. Mr. Noronha was a keen amateur horticulturist and, with the aid of friends, imported a number of indigenous Australian trees including the famous fire and pine of the island Continent. With proper care the trees grew to a great height, as also did a number of coconut palms imported from Singapore. They had the benefit of the scientific advice in later years of Mr. Chas. Ford, a former superintendent of the Botanical and Afforestation Department, whose advice was readily tendered whenever sought by residents with flower and vegetable gardening as their hobby. To Mr. Charles Ford a volume of the "Kew Bulletin" was dedicated for his work in the afforestation and beautifying of Hong Kong.

Associated with Mr. Noronha in the importation of new plants and

trees into Hong Kong was Mr. Mathias Soares than whom no more enthusiastic and painstaking amateur botanist was ever met with in Hong Kong. Two or three days a week and in the summer months almost daily the two friends—Messrs. Noronha and Soares—used to cross the harbour from Hong Kong to Kowloon, at the cost of 30 cents return journey by sampan in the good old days, to indulge in their favourite hobby of gardening. To their zeal and enterprise must be credited the production of the first pineapple from any European garden on the mainland. To-day pineapple cultivation promises to become an important industry in the New Territories. Among the fruit trees successfully grown at Yaumati and which produced abundantly are banana, rose apple, peach, fig and the common guava. Mr. Delmar Noronha was a regular and successful exhibitor in the Flower Shows of fifty years ago.

To overcome the difficulty and loss of time in getting to and from Yaumati Mr. Noronha acquired the steam-launch "Blanche" and inaugurated the first European-owned ferry service across the harbour. The traffic in those early days failed to make the enterprise a commercial venture.

Among the first investors in property at Yaumati were Mr. J. M. d'Almada e Castro, a former distinguished member of the Civil Service of Hong Kong, and Mr. Jose dos Remedios, who owned the chalet "Bemini" built on the crest of a hill overlooking Yaumati Bay.

Pioneers of Kowloon.

Portuguese residents figured prominently as the pioneers of Kowloon. It was they who bore the brunt of malaria in the early days of British settlement, when anti-malarial measures were practically unknown and the disease exacted a heavy toll of human lives. Despite this serious handicap members of the Portuguese community proved the suitability of Kowloon for suburban residence, and to-day they form a large proportion of the non-Chinese population of the Peninsula which their forebears had helped to develop. The earliest Crown lessees of Kowloon were Messrs. J. M. A. da Silva, Mathias Azevedo, A. M. Alves, A. Chagas and Candido A. Ozerio. There might have been a few others whose names cannot be recalled at the moment; but it is possible that the hiatus might be filled by some old Portuguese resident. Easily the best kept and the most extensive garden at Kowloon and the one that produced the greatest variety of flowers for the annual Show was that owned by a Portuguese gentleman, whose land fronted what is now Middle Road at the back of the Peninsula Hotel.

Parsee Horticulturist.

Mention must be made of a conspicuous Parsee gentleman—the founder of the "Star" Ferry line of steam-launches—whose flower garden at Tsai-sha-tui was a thing of beauty. Mr. Dorabjee Naorojee was a successful and never-failing exhibitor at the annual Flower Shows. He specialized in chrysanthemums. During the winter months it was the old gentleman's pleasure to extend an open invitation to the whole Colony to visit his gardens rich with the fragrance of brilliant blooms. Mr. Dorabjee was a familiar figure in Hong Kong, as distinguished in his personal appearance as he was in kind acts of charity performed without the least ostentation.

"Father of Homuntin."

By a later generation of Hong Kong residents Mr. F. P. de Vasconcellos Soares is well-known as the enterprising gentleman who fathered the scheme for developing the district of Homuntin as a suburban residential area. In the face of many and serious obstacles Mr. Soares succeeded. The elder son of Mr. Mathias Soares he is a lover of flowers and follows his father's old-time hobby. To residents of Homuntin such as Mr. Soares, Mr. Ho Leung's forceful appeal for additional membership and exhibits on behalf of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society should possess peculiar charm. They should, at least, maintain the traditions of their lineage in so far as Hong Kong is concerned. A special prize for cut-flowers from the Homuntin area may be an inducement to create that healthy rivalry which Mr. Ho Leung's speech aims at establishing in Homuntin, in that pleasant and profitable occupation—flower gardening.

Kowloon Garden City.

The appeal of the Horticultural Society to Kowloon Tong residents should be strong when it is remembered that they claim to belong to the "Garden City" of the Colony, which is indeed the prettiest suburb within the dependency of Hong Kong. So many of the Chinese residents of this district pride themselves in the charming lay-out of their gardens that it will be surprising if no adequate response be made to Mr. Ho Leung's earnest appeal for next year's horticultural show. They possess, moreover, the advantage of an organisation in the Subscribers' Association which should reduce to a minimum the difficulty of transport with ample facilities for which the Society promises prospective exhibitors next year.

Mr. Mathias Soares.

Mr. Ho Leung's reference to Saiyungpun brings back to memory the little garden owned by Mr. Mathias Soares in Saiyungpun in the early days of Hong Kong. It was there that the enthusiastic Portuguese florist carried out much of his experimental cultivation of flowers with so much success, to the delight not only of himself and his friends but to the benefit of this Colony. I remember being told many years ago that it was Mr. Soares who introduced the bulb of the ginger lily to Hong Kong. This fragrant flower has earned great popularity for table and other decorations in the summer months when they can be had cheaply and in such great profusion.

The Flower Nursery at Pokfulam.

Long before any dairy farm was dreamt of for Pokfulam and when the road thither was a narrow path-way permitting of a pony and buggy to carry its fare to Pokfulam, Mr. A. G. Romano (subsequently Consul-General for Portugal in Hong Kong) maintained a flower nursery within a portion of the grounds that in later years became the property of the Dairy Farm Co. Mr. Romano's greatest hobby was the cultivation of rare flowers and the collecting of ferns and orchids. His city residence at "Daarte," at the junction of Caine and Arbutnot Roads, was the cynosure of all eyes for the magnificence of the seasonal flowers and plants. This formed such a unique feature of his triangular entrance. If one had the leisure to (Continued at foot of next column).

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FINE IN MUI TSAI
CASE.

REASON FOR A TRANSFER.

MEMORIES OF A DEPARTED
DAUGHTER.

Before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham at Central Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese woman named Lau Ngan Chung Lui, and living at 20, Caine Road, was charged on two counts of taking into her employ on or about December 20, 1928, a twelve-year-old mui tsai, and transferring her to another woman named Wu Pui Kwai on or about April 24, 1929, contrary to Ordinance No. 1 of 1923.

Defendant stated that the child was adopted by her daughter. The latter died, and defendant presented the girl to the woman Wu, mentioned in the second summons, because she could not bear to see the child, who reminded her of her dead daughter.

Mr. R. H. Butters, of the S.C.A., who prosecuted, said that Sergeant Post had obtained the presentation document from the woman Wu, and it was this woman who appeared in the Kowloon Court on November 12 on a charge of taking over the child and was fined \$25.

Girl's Aunt Gets \$100.

Defendant, on oath, said the girl came to her house in January, 1928, and the presentation document was given by the girl's aunt. The child's aunt told them a story about poverty, and defendant's daughter took the girl and made a present of \$100 to the aunt.

Mr. Butters: If you are so charitable, why did you not double the amount to \$200 as in the document?

Defendant: I did not ask for that to be put in. It was put in by the aunt, as is the usual custom.

Mr. Butters put it to defendant the child was actually a mui tsai, and not the adopted child of her beloved deceased daughter. He was of the opinion that had she adopted the girl, she would not have given her to such a woman as Wu.

Questioned by the Magistrate, the defendant admitted that on the death of her daughter, she automatically became the employer of the girl.

His Worship held that the prosecution had not proved that defendant was the person who took the child and therefore the first charge would be dismissed. The woman on her own admission transferred the girl to the woman Wu. On that charge defendant would be fined \$25.

A PAPER MYSTERY.

CURIOUS STORY.

Considerable anxiety is felt locally concerning some large shipments of paper, delivery of which by two different ships arriving here recently had been anticipated by the consignees.

From the information at our disposal, it appears that the consignees some months ago placed orders in Europe for large consignments of paper which, it was understood, were to be shipped to Hong Kong by certain vessels.

A letter of credit—"with recourse"—was said to have been issued, and bills of lading in respect of two shipments were duly received in Hong Kong through the bank concerned.

Anxiety Fell.

Upon arrival of the ships the bills of lading were presented to the shipping agents in the ordinary way, but they informed the consignees that no such cargoes as described in the bills of lading appeared on the manifests, nor were the goods on board the vessels.

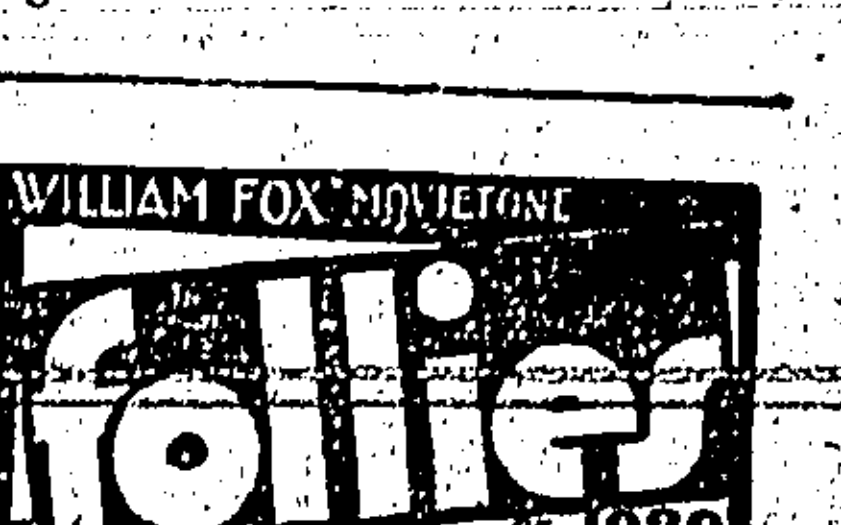
We understand that cables have been sent to Europe inquiring as to the whereabouts of the cargo, but no definite information appears to have been forthcoming on this point.

It is just possible that some untoward event has caused delay in the shipment of the paper but, in view of the very large sum said to be involved, great anxiety is felt by all concerned at the non-arrival of the goods by the steamers which were expected to carry them.

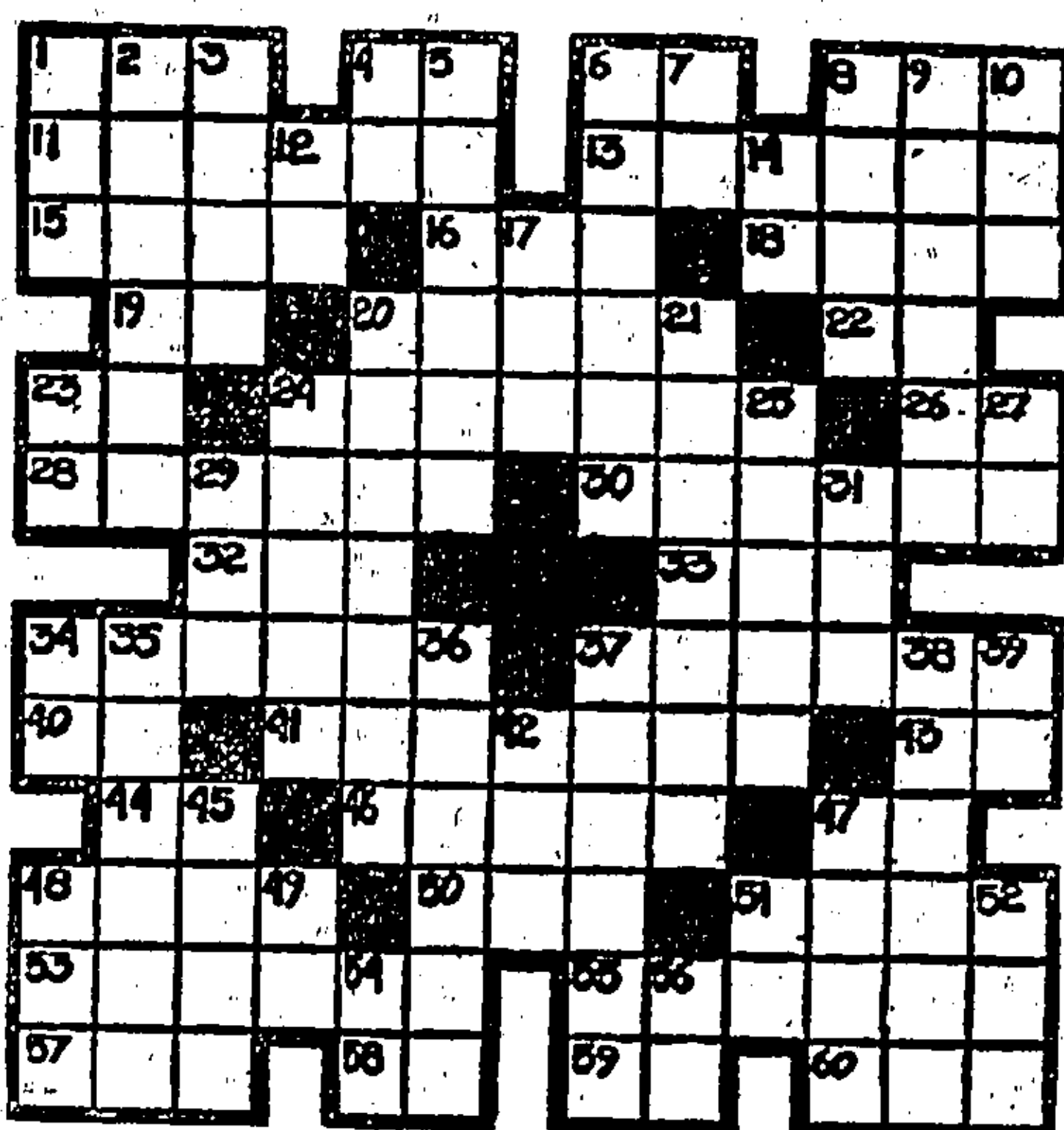
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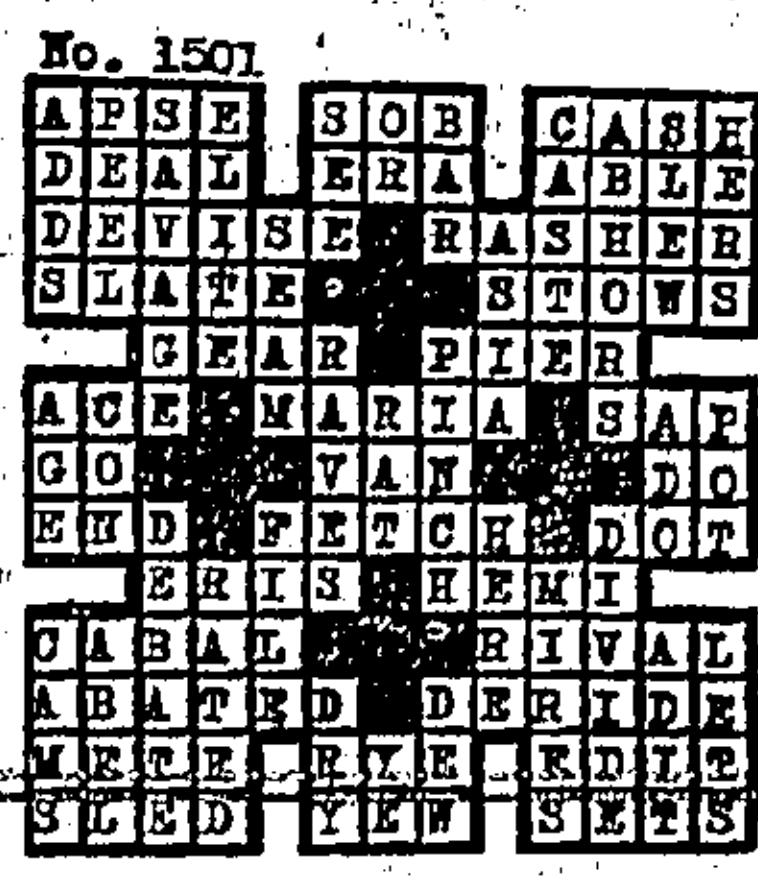
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- Part of play.
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- Type measure.
- Devoiced.
- To make f n of.
- Slender girls.
- Stage.
- Large tub.
- Egyptian goddess.
- Thus.
- Man's name.
- Plural ending.
- Pronoun.
- Greatly desired.
- To exist.
- To take for granted.
- A football team.
- A constellation.
- Hawaiian wreath.
- Sides of cut jewel.
- Imperative request.
- By.
- Smirks.
- A cloth.
- Symbol for tellurium.
- Lined roof.
- Pronoun.
- To throw.
- To rent.
- Dry.
- To put in.
- To reach destination.
- Golfer's mound.
- While.
- Point of compass.
- To stitch.

Vertical.

- To find sum of.
- Steps.
- Piece of three.
- Hypothetical force.
- To bring to life.
- Property.
- Possessive pronoun.
- Part of church.
- Sweetheart of Pyramus.
- A warm.
- Part of to be.
- Symbol for lithium.

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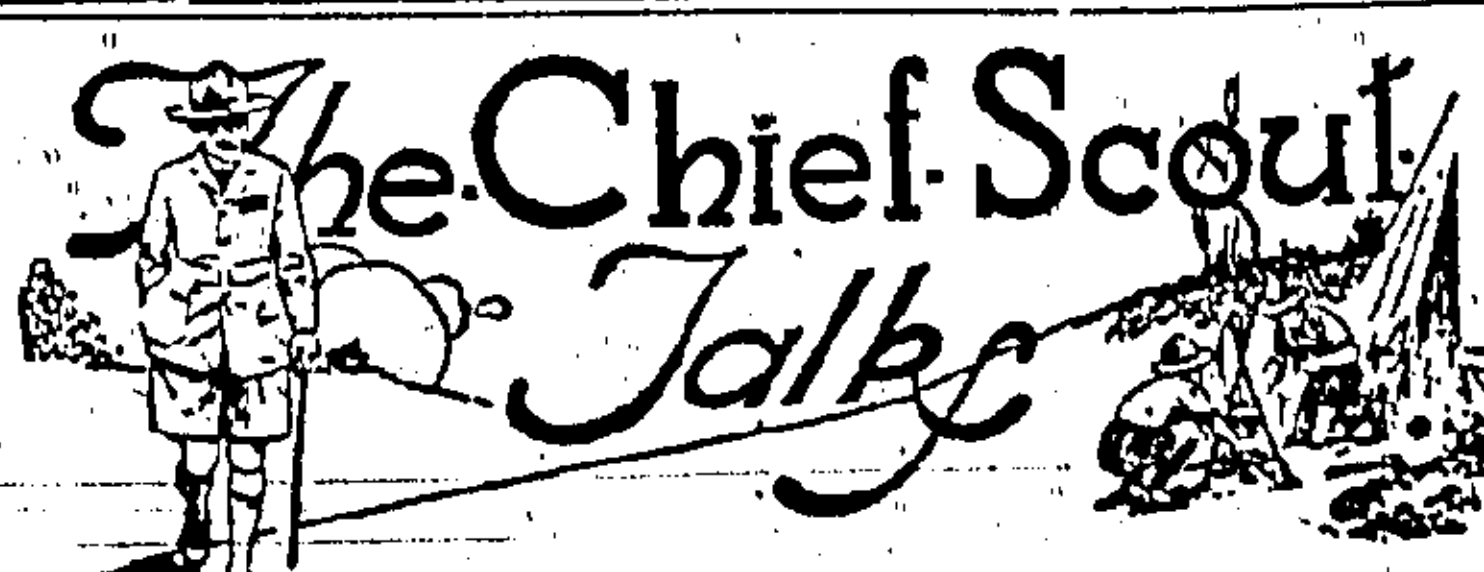
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STICK MAKING.

(By LIEUT. GENERAL LORD RADEN-POWELL.)

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When the long evenings come along many boys don't know what to do with their time.

The Scout has, of course, lots to do in working up for his badges—but now also is the time for making things.

It is the time for making Christmas presents for one thing, so that when the present-giving season comes along you will have a nice lot of really well-made and useful gifts ready to hand.

Then by making things to sell you can often earn money for your Troop funds. And it is never too soon to start a fund for Troop camping.

There are such loads of things that Scouts can make that it is hard to suggest where to begin. Toys for children always sell well if they are really well made, and they are easy things to make.

For Scouts who live in the country, or who take week-end hikes into the country, there is stick-making.

When winter is coming on and the sap is not running up into the wood is the right time for cutting and

top, giving a comfortably wide fork for your thumb to rest in. (That is why it is called a thumb-stick.)

You leave the natural bark on and trim off all rough knobs and twigs with a sharp knife. (Not a knife, mind, but a SHARP knife—quite a different thing!)

If the stick is not exactly straight all the way down you stew it until it is soft and pliable, and then bend it at the proper points until you get it quite straight.

Then Cook It.

I stew mine in an old iron water-pipe about 6 ft. long, closed up at one end with a block of wood, metal, or concrete. The pipe is then filled with wet sand, laid on bricks in a little trench, and warmed up with fires or lamps at different points underneath it. The stick is thrust into this (you can put in several together) and left to boil.

If you are in the neighbourhood of a workshop where they have a steaming-box you can of course carry out the process there. The main thing is to get the wood into an india-rubbery state, so that you can bend it in any direction.



You will have considerable fun in finding a suitable stick.

seasoning walking-sticks; and as the leaves come off the bushes it is more easy to find the likely plants.

In addition to the ordinary walking-stick a useful kind to make is that known as the "Thumb-stick," and which is carried by Rovers instead of the staff. Other people besides Rovers have taken a fancy to this kind of stick, which is a very comfortable one to take for a long walk.

So here is a good opening for Scouts. The best wood for the purpose is hazel or ash.

First Pick Your Stick.

You will have considerable fun in the first place in finding a suitable stick. You may go a long way before you find one that will do, or you may be lucky—as I was, the other day—and find half a dozen in one bush.

You want a nice even-growing stick, not so thick as to be heavy and not so thin as to be whippy and bendable. About three-quarters of an inch thick, that is, about two and a half to three inches round, is the best. It should be from 2 to 2 1/2 in. long, branching into two at the

Then I have an old bench with a small hole cut through the seat of it. I thrust the stick through this hole and bend it at the points where required until it is perfectly straight.

It is then lashed to a straight pole, or with other sticks in a bundle firmly bound up with yards of tape, or hung up with a heavy weight at the foot, and left for a few weeks thoroughly to dry and season itself.

All knobs and rough bits should be carefully trimmed with a sharp knife and sandpapered until quite smooth to the touch.

The whole thing can then be decorated in any way that fancy dictates, and varnished over.

Try it with your patrol!

Get Leave First.

First get permission from the owner to go into a wood and then get each Scout to look about for likely sticks, but not to cut them until he has found a really good one for the purpose.

Then finish them off as I have described, and you will soon have a lot of walking-sticks to give as presents to your pals.

A MOTOR LORRY DEAL.

DISPUTE BETWEEN BUYER AND SELLER.

PUISNE JUDGE'S DECISION.

Judgment was given at the Summary Court yesterday by the Puisse Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) in the action brought by the Tai Yau Motor Car Co., of Causeway Bay, for recovery of \$850, being balance due on a second-hand G.M.C. truck sold to the Wing Tai firm, of Wing Lok Street.

Mr. A. E. Hall was for the plaintiffs and Mr. D. C. Strellett for the defendants.

The Judgment.

Giving judgment, his Lordship said:—The seller, under a contract for the sale of goods, sues the buyer for an unpaid balance of the price. The buyer denies liability, alleging a breach of a condition in the contract of sale upon which he founds a right to treat the contract as repudiated and counterclaims for the return of a deposit and for damage for breach of contract.

I find the following facts to be established by the evidence. On March, 18, 1929, the parties entered into an agreement for the sale and purchase of a motor truck. The price agreed was \$1,150. On the date of the agreement, the motor truck was out of repair. It is common ground that the seller, as a preliminary to the sale, agreed to put it into good running order and condition, and also undertook that it should be fit to convey a load of two tons over the roads of the Colony. On signature of the agreement, the buyer paid to the seller \$100 on account of the price and he also paid a further \$100 on April 2. On May 21, the seller announced that the truck was ready for delivery.

Contract of Sale Completed.

It was examined on that day by the buyer's representative, who tested its running capacity only, not its fitness to carry a load. The representative was satisfied. He gave a certificate in writing to this effect. On May 22, the seller submitted the truck to trial by the Police Department and obtained a licence for it. On May 23, the seller delivered the truck to Li Man, an agent of the buyer, who drove it away. On the same day the buyer loaded the truck with a load of less than two tons. The truck, so loaded, broke down on the gradient of Stubbs Road. The buyer returned the truck to the seller on the same day with a request for repairs. Further negotiations occurred between the parties, which need not here be set out.

The truck has since remained in possession of the seller. These proceedings have followed.

On these facts I find that the property in the truck passed from the seller to the buyer on May 21, when the buyer's representative signed the certificate of satisfaction with the condition of the truck, and, further, that delivery and acceptance under the contract of sale were completed on May 22.

Breach of Warranty.

The buyer has formulated his defence on the plea of a breach by the seller of a condition of sale. In my opinion what has occurred amounts not to a breach of a condition, but to a breach of warranty. I shall proceed in this judgment as though amendment of the defence consequential upon this view had been duly made. I decide in favour of the buyer's plea to the effect that he may plead this breach of warranty in diminution of price. To what extent the price will be thereby diminished may be proved by evidence if either party see fit to produce it.

At this stage I will make no order as to costs.

His Lordship further remarked that the parties might wish to consider the position together, before further evidence might be heard in respect of the breach of warranty.

"ALL THAT GLITTERS."

PAWNBROKER NEARLY SWINDLED.

A Chinese woman had almost succeeded in convincing a pawnbroker that the two rings which she offered to him for \$5 were pure gold, when she was interrupted by a detective who asked to see the rings. On close examination he found that they were only imitation.

Appearing before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, the woman said that she told the pawnbroker that the jewellery was of an inferior gold. The Magistrate disbelieved her and imposed a fine of \$50 or 6 weeks' hard labour. She was also convicted on a further charge of supplying false name and address, and a fine of \$10 or 10 days' addition was imposed.



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CORRESPONDENCE.

A DISCLAIMER.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—With reference to a report published in your issue of to-day's date of a Summary Court action against a Chinese doctor that I represented the plaintiffs in the case and that a witness deposed that Mr. Stoppa said he came from my office and had power to collect debts I wish to point out that I did not act for the plaintiffs and that Mr. Stoppa is not nor has he ever been employed in any capacity by me or my firm of Lyson and Hall and moreover, he is not nor has he at any time been empowered to collect debts for me or my firm or any of my clients.

In case any of the readers of your paper may have an impression that Mr. Stoppa is or has been in any way connected with my firm I should be obliged if you would insert this letter in your newspaper.—Yours, etc.,

J. M. HALL.

Hong Kong, November 22.

HONG KONG NIGHTS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—I quite agree with "Dancer" that this place is miles behind the times when it comes to public amusement. Why, even in Japan you find in cities like Tokyo, Yokohama, and Kobe dance-halls where partners can be had. Everything is run on proper lines, under strict police supervision to prevent any "funny business," and I don't see why it should not be done here too. It is all very well for people with a large circle of friends to oppose the idea, but not all of us are so lucky as to have an acquaintance with ladies who are fond of dancing, so we get left.—Yours, etc.,

SUPPORTER.

Hong Kong, November 22.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—Probably most of your readers are acquainted with Shanghai and its so-called gay night life, and I think most of them will agree with me that we certainly do not want that sort of thing here in Hong Kong. I suppose the "bright young people" who think of nothing but enjoyment would like to see a dozen public dance-halls in the Colony, at which they could dissipate themselves all through the night, and turn up to work a few hours later tired out and therefore inefficient. My advice to the young man—who started this discussion—is take up some hobby, an intellectual one, for preference, and your nights will be no longer dull.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN CITIZEN.

Hong Kong, November 22.

GOVERNMENT AND NATHAN ROAD.

MR. BRAGA'S CONCERN FOR PUBLIC SAFETY.

DANGER FROM OVERTAKING 'BUSES'.

The proceedings at yesterday's meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council were of a more or less formal nature. No questions actually arose out of the consideration of the Supplementary Estimates which were passed en bloc.

Pointing out that while the matter was not entirely one for action by the Finance Committee, however, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga said that he wished to draw attention to a point in connection with the vote for the reconstruction of Nathan Road.

'Buses were in the habit of overtaking one another in Kowloon at a point where alterations in the roadway were in progress. The width of the road at these places was necessarily reduced by one-half and 'buses had a nasty habit of passing stationary vehicles.

The Director of Public Works, said Mr. Braga, would no doubt appreciate the danger and word might be passed to the Traffic Department with a view to averting the danger of a serious accident at any of these places.

Police to be Warned.

The Chairman (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.) said in reply that he felt very much obliged to the Hon. Member for bringing the matter to the attention of the Committee. Word would be passed on to the police.

Hon. Mr. Creasy (D.P.W.): The work going on is only of a temporary nature.

Mr. Braga: Yes, but the danger continues!

Hon. Dr. Kotewall: What is the estimated life of the road?

Mr. Creasy: Ten, fifteen or twenty years.

Dr. Kotewall: Thank you.

The Brick Tanks.

Dr. Kotewall then asked what was the Government's intentions with regard to the brick tanks which were erected on the Praya during the water shortage.

Chairman: We shall retain them until we see whether we survive the next dry period without having to use them. We don't want to take them away until we are certain we can do without them.

Dr. Kotewall: Then might I say, Sir, that I consider that to be a wise decision?

Chairman: Thank you. This remainder of the business was of a private nature.

CANTON'S LINE OF DEFENCE.

FROM SAMSHUI TO YINGTAK.

TRENCHES, BATTERIES AND GUNBOATS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, November 22.

A military conference, held at military headquarters on Thursday and attended by Generals Chen Ming Shu, Chen Tsai Tong and their principal colleagues, has set on foot the defensive rather than offensive strategy which aims at holding up both "Ironsides" and Kwangsi troops until reinforcements arrive from Nanking. The front is being shortened and on the West River Dosing has been abandoned and no very serious attempt will be made to hold Shuihui. From Samshui, at the junction of the North and West Rivers, to Yingtak on North River makes an excellent defensive position with good rail and river communication between the two corners of the defence.

CAREFULLY PREPARED DEFENCES.

The West River has been mined between Dosing and Samshui and all traffic has been stopped on both rivers. Formidable trenches have been dug and the Canton Army is well served by plenty of light and heavy artillery mounted to best advantage. The line is further strengthened by Admiral Chen Chok's flotilla. General Chen Tsai Tong is taking everything on this line of defence and if it yields he will evacuate Canton and withdraw into the East River district beyond Waichow. This, it is understood, was one of the decisions of Thursday's conference.

WHICH WILL ARRIVE FIRST?

Where the elusive "Ironsides" are at present is a matter for conjecture. The main body are in Kwangtung and reports state that Lingshan and Yangshan, on the Little North River, have fallen. If that is true the struggle for Yingtak will start in a few days, and the issue should be decided in a week from now.

The Nanking reinforcements—two divisions strong—are reported to be in Shanghai and are expected before the end of next week. The eight aeroplanes, under Chang Wai Chung, which left recently to take part in the war against the Kuomintang have been ordered back to Canton and were expected this evening. They will prove a valuable asset to the Cantonese army especially in gathering very much needed information about enemy movements.

JOURNALISTS IN TROUBLE.

Six local newspaper men were arrested by the police and detained for publishing news of troop movements, etc., contrary to the order of the Higher Command. After trial five were released but the most important of the prisoners, Mr. Tsui, the authorities refused to set at liberty. The Pressmen's Association and several officials took up the matter and Mr. Tsui, after being severely cautioned was set at liberty this morning.

CANTON'S PATRIOTIC PRESS.

FAVOURS CHANCES OF ITS OWN ARMIES.

The vernacular Press (not unnaturally in view of the recent incident) views the situation with optimism saying that the Canton troops have the advantage in point of numbers, ammunition and strategic position. Their total number is over 32,000 as compared with 47,000 men of the combined forces of the "Ironsides" and the Kwangsi troops. The "Ironsides" number about 15,000 and the Kwangsi troops consisting of the 15th, 18th and 57th Divisions and an independent brigade make up 32,000. Moreover, Kwangtung troops have in addition a useful air force and the naval forces.

As to arms and ammunition, Kwangtung troops have the Shencheng Arsenal and can purchase from abroad.

Kwangtung troops can easily raise large amounts of money in Canton and Swatow while it is exceedingly difficult for the "rebels" to raise very much in poor districts like Kwangsi and the northern part of Kwangtung.

Both the "Ironsides" and the Kwangsi troops are hated by the people of Kwangtung as the "Ironsides" are blamed for the Communist upheaval in 1927 and the Kwangsi troops are considered unreliable and treacherous.

ARMED ROBBERY IN CANTON ROAD.

SHOT THAT PROVED FATAL.

SIX CHINESE CHARGED.

Six Chinese were charged before Mr. W. Schofield at Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday with armed robbery at 569, Canton Road, on October 6, and unlawful conspiracy. Detective Inspector Fallon, who prosecuted, said that the robbery took place at about 4.30 on the morning in question. Admittance was gained by the aid of an accomplice living in the flat and whom the police allege to be the fourth defendant. The inmates suddenly found themselves ordered to be quiet. One of the inmates tried to get out but felt a hand seize and stop him. However, he pulled out a police whistle and blew it. This put the robbers into a panic and they fled, taking with them a pair of bangles.

A Chinese constable in the immediate vicinity heard cries of "save life" and saw three men running down the street. He followed them along Canton Road into Dundas Street where he called upon them to stop. They took no notice and he drew his revolver and fired putting down one man. This fellow made a struggle but was taken into custody. An electric torch and some wire was found in his possession and he was immediately taken to the Kowloon Hospital his condition being serious.

Wounded Man Dies.

Inspector Fallon went on to say that at about 9 a.m. that morning, accompanied by Chinese detectives, he went to the Hospital to see the wounded man. He was able to talk and gave his name and address, 381, Reclamation Street. He also mentioned that he was well known to the hospital foks.

Later, the same day the prisoner died from the shot which had entered the abdomen.

On leaving the hospital, the police took a back way, and there they saw a number of men leaving the coolies' quarters of the hospital. They were stopped and questioned and as they failed to give satisfactory answers, they were taken back to the hospital to see the Doctor who said that only one of them was an employee of the hospital. The others were removed to the Police Station.

Later the police went to the address given by the dying prisoner in Reclamation Street, and the inmates were taken to the Station for enquiries.

One of the party arrested at the hospital, the third defendant, said to the police that all the defendants had taken part in the robbery, and that the fifth defendant knew where the bangles were hidden. The latter was questioned and finally took the police to the ground floor of 323, Canton Road, a gambling den, where he produced a pair of shoes from the closet. Stuffed in one of these was the pair of bangles, which have since been identified by the complainant as his property.

The fourth defendant, who was living at the flat where the robbery took place was also arrested. It was alleged that he opened the door for the robbers. Another defendant was arrested the same evening, and on the 21st, yet another was arrested in Hunghom.

Guilty Statements.

All were charged with armed robbery and conspiracy. The fifth defendant was charged with receiving the property.

In their statements, the defendants practically admitted their guilt. In fact, the only cogent evidence which the police had to give against the defendants was their own statements, the finding of the bangles, and evidence to the effect that defendants had been seen together.

No identification parade was held because the inmates of the shop said that they were unable to identify the offenders owing to the place being in darkness when raided.

An iron bar, and a strand of wire were found in the cockpit of the raided shop, and a dagger was picked up by a European sergeant in the street near the scene of the robbery.

Evidence was given, and the case was adjourned until November 20, at 2.15 p.m.

FORGED \$100 CHARTERED BANK NOTES.

CURIOUS STORY OF A FOKI'S PAYMENT TO FLOUR FIRM.

HOW DID HE GET THE NOTES?

CONTRADICTORY EVIDENCE.

A good deal of public interest was shown in the proceedings which commenced yesterday at Central Magistrate's against a shop foki, named Cheung Ching Shan, of the Lee Fung Hang firm, who was charged with possessing and uttering six forged \$100 banknotes of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, junior, instructed by Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios, appeared for the defence. Mr. H. J. Armstrong of Messrs. Deacons, represented the Shiu On Wing firm, to whom the forged notes were alleged to have been passed. Mr. M. M. Watson represented the Lee Fung Hang firm, where the defendant was employed.

At the outset, a charge of fraudulent conversation of \$600 was withdrawn by the prosecution.

THE PROSECUTION.

Solicitor's Opening Statement.

Outlining the case for the prosecution, Mr. Armstrong said that the defendant was employed at the Lee Fung Hang firm, an import and export concern doing business at No. 64, Bonham Strand. At about 2 p.m. on November 4, the manager gave the defendant \$3,500 in seven \$500 notes of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation with instructions to pay two outstanding accounts, one to the Tin Luk firm for \$301.36 and the other to the Shiu On Wing firm of Wing Lok Street, for \$3,072.67. The defendant was to take with him a cash receipt book and to obtain the chops of the payees on the book. The defendant went out and returned at 2.30 p.m. with the book duly chopped.

Apparently the defendant went to the Tai Luk firm and paid the \$300 odd with a \$500 note. He received the change and went to the Shiu On Wing firm where he tendered five \$500 notes and six \$100 notes and obtained their receipt and \$20 in change.

Payment at the Shiu On Wing, said Mr. Armstrong, had been made to one Au Yung Lai Shing, the assistant manager. This man's son was an accountant in the shop, and when he came in the father told the son that he had received payment of \$3,000 odd. The son, after looking at the notes, formed the suspicion that the \$100 notes were forgeries.

The son reported the matter to the manager of the firm and he and another foki went to the Lee Fung Hang firm where they told the manager that they had received six doubtful notes from one of his foks. The manager at once said that he had given his foki only \$500 notes to make the payments and disclaimed all knowledge of the six \$100 bills. When the defendant returned to the shop, the Shiu On Wing representative persuaded him to come to the Shiu On Wing to discuss the matter, and see if he could get the notes changed. This defendant said he was prepared to do.

Tried to Run Away?

At the premises of the Shiu On Wing firm, defendant was shown the notes, and said that he got them from various firms as change. When he was told he had to change them, he tried to run away. The shop foki prevented him and an altercation ensued in the course of which a district watchman came and took the defendant to the Central Police Station.

The manager of the Shiu On Wing also went to the Central Police Station, taking the notes with him. These were shown to Inspector Murphy who was in the Charge Room at the time. A money changer was sent for and after examining the notes, he declared them to be genuine, although he added that the paper appeared thick and the colour on the back appeared to have faded somewhat, but the notes seemed genuine enough. The defendant was accordingly released.

The manager of the Shiu On Wing was not satisfied that the notes were genuine and the next morning he had them taken to the Chartered Bank, where the forgery was at once detected. The defendant was arrested on the same day and was charged with possession of forged banknotes and with uttering them. Defendant elected to make statements with regard to these charges.

EVIDENCE CALLED.

Clever Forgeries.

Mr. J. M. Norrie, sub-accountant of the Chartered Bank, on being shown the notes, declared them to be forgeries. He said that the notes bore a signature of an officer who was non-existent (Norrie). The colour of the backs was incorrect but otherwise the forgeries were of very good design.

Mr. d'Almada (cross-examining): Have you come across forged banknotes identical with these before?

Witness: No. Am I correct in saying that you are well known that there are a very large number of forged Chartered

Bank \$100 notes in circulation?

That is quite true. Apart from the signature which you say is of a non-existent person, the forged notes have all the characteristics of the genuine ones?—No.

With regard to the size and general dimension and so on, you say they are accurate?—Yes, it is a very good forgery.

And anyone could have been easily taken in?—Oh, yes. Including experts?—Not those who are well acquainted with our notes.

Have you come across any notes with the same colour at the back as these?—No.

Do these notes appear to have been in circulation for some time?—I don't think so.

They are not brand new?—No. They have passed through several hands?—Yes.

Mr. Armstrong: How does the colour on the back differ from the colour on the genuine notes?—The genuine ones are more reddish.

Defendant a Trusted Servant.

Sung Tak Choi, master of the Lee Fung Hang firm where the defendant was employed, gave evidence corroborating Mr. Armstrong's statement. In answer to Mr. d'Almada's witness said that the defendant was recommended to him by a shareholder of the firm in Swatow. Witness had always found defendant trustworthy and had given him many similar errands to perform, the paying of bills being part of defendant's duty.

Mr. d'Almada: In carrying out this duty, he has often been trusted with sums of money amounting to \$20,000?—Yes, frequently.

And you have never found cause for complaint?—Never.

On that particular day, you handed him seven \$500 notes?—Yes.

What time was it that you handed him the notes?—About 1.50 p.m.

It might have been a little later?—Yes.

Might have been half past two?—About 2 o'clock, but I can't remember.

Were you in the shop the whole of that afternoon?—Yes.

What time did the defendant return to the shop?—After 2.30 p.m.

In fact he was away for a very short time?—I think it was about 20 to 25 minutes.

In fact, just enough time for him to go to these shops, pay the bills and then return?—Exactly.

You don't keep a record of the numbers of the banknotes you handle?—No.

Not even of your \$500 notes?—No. It is impossible to take a record of all the money passing in and out.

Mr. d'Almada: I wish I was in your place.

Answering further questions, witness said he remembered the foki of the Shiu On Wing calling on him and explaining that they had received six \$100 notes and also remembered the defendant leaving with the Shiu On Wing foki. Witness added that the defendant came back again at 7 o'clock and slept the night in the shop and if he had wanted he could have absconded without anybody being the wiser.

Witness said that the defendant, when asked about the \$100 notes had replied in the first instance that he had paid the Shiu On Wing with \$500 notes only.

Answering another question of Mr. d'Almada's, witness said that he was not aware of any advertisement in the Chinese papers to the effect that \$100 notes of the Chartered Bank were to be refused by all firms of Nam Pak Hong. He knew that the firms had an understanding between them to reject Chartered Bank notes of \$100, but he could not recall any such advertisement.

Witness said that the understanding was come to because of the many forgeries in existence.

The Six \$100 Notes Appear.

Au Yung Lai Shing, the assistant manager of the Shiu On Wing firm, was then called. He said that on the afternoon of November 4, the defendant came to pay an outstanding account of \$3,072.63. Five \$500 notes were tendered and six \$100 notes of the Chartered Bank. Witness took the money and gave the necessary change also chopping the receipt book.

Witness claimed that he had warned the defendant that if there were any question later about the Chartered Bank notes he would look to the defendant to make good.

After the defendant had gone, witness's son, an accountant in the shop, arrived and was handed the notes. He examined them and expressed suspicion. Witness sent his son and a foki to the Lee Fung Hang firm and after some time they returned, bringing the defendant with them. Questioned at the witness's shop, defendant had said that he had got the notes in change and when pressed to tell where he had got the change, had refused to disclose any name. An altercation ensued and a policeman came on the scene.

Mr. d'Almada (cross-examining): Did you go to the Police Station?—Yes.

How many of you went there?—Two of us. Myself and a man named Wong.

Did your son go too?—I don't think he did.

Try and remember?—I can't remember distinctly.

Whom did you see at the Police Station?—I saw a European.

What did he tell him?—I told him that the defendant had tendered forged banknotes.

And the Inspector then sent for a man from the money changer's shop, did he not?—Yes.

Money Changer's Opinion.

This man examined the notes for about half an hour after which he said they were genuine?—Yes, that is so.

And the European then told the defendant he could go?—Yes.

What did he do next?—He took a note of the numbers and told us that if we found them to be forgeries later, we were to inform the Police.

You say you saw the defendant make a list?—No. A policeman made a note of the numbers.

The defendant was present?—Yes.

Did the Inspector or the policeman ask the defendant to sign the note?—No.

After the money changer had said that the notes were genuine, did you not hear the defendant say that he had nothing to do with the notes?—No.

I put it to you that he did say that?—No.

Did the Inspector keep the notes?—No. The Inspector gave the notes back to us.

When the money changer said that the notes were genuine, were you satisfied?—I was told I could pay them into the bank and to let the Police know if the notes were forgeries.

Continuing, witness said the next day a foki of his shop tried to pay the notes into the Chartered Bank but the notes were rejected as forgeries. He first learned of this when a Chinese reporter called for confirmation, this being before his foki had returned from the Chartered Bank.

3 p.m. or 2.20 p.m.

Mr. d'Almada: At what time did the defendant call at your shop to pay the bill?—At about 3 o'clock.

How did you know that it was 3 o'clock?—I looked at a clock in my shop.

Would you be surprised to hear that he got back to his shop at 2.30 after paying your bill?—That is false.

Did you know that the local banks had been refusing to accept \$100 Chartered Bank notes?—I did not know it then. I knew it after this case started.

Have you ever tried to make payments on behalf of your firm with \$100 Chartered Bank notes?—No.

How did you first hear that there were forged Chartered Bank notes about?—Some people told me.

Did they warn you not to accept them?—These banknotes were not accepted in the market but I have dealing with the Chartered Bank and I thought they would be accepted by the Bank.

You knew then that they would not be accepted in the market?—Not exactly. I knew that there had been forgeries.

How long did it take your son to decide that the notes were forgeries?—As soon as he saw them he voiced a suspicion.

Has he detected forgeries before this?—Perhaps he may have.

Do you know definitely?—Yes, he has.

And this was in dealings in which your firm was involved?—Yes.

Yours is a very large flour firm?—Yes.

Your deals amount to thousands of dollars?—Yes.

Payments to your firm and by your firm are made in the first week of every month?—There is no fixed period.

On the first few days of November, did you receive many payments?—Yes, we received many payments.

On the 4th November you also received large payments?—Yes.

Besides this payment of \$3,000 odd?—Yes.

Were you receiving payments the whole of that day?—Yes. (Witness added that he himself had received one or two payments only.)

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Yesterday's weather report, fore-

cast and remarks, issued by the

Royal Observatory at 4.35 p.m.,

stated:—

The anticyclone over China con-

tinues to increase in intensity and

fresh to strong monsoon will pre-

vail along the Coast and over the

China Sea. The depression or

typhoon is probably passing to the

North of Yap on a N.W. or W.N.W.

track.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds,

fresh, fair.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The marriage arranged between

Miss DOROTHY BYRNE, daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. BYRNE

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STEPHEN MITCHELL, son of the

late E. W. MITCHELL of Hong

Kong and of Mrs. M. S. MIT-

CHELL of 9, Tregunter Mansions,

will take place at St. Joseph's

Church, Garden Road, at 3 p.m.

on Friday, November 29. No

invitations are being issued but

all friends will be welcome at

the Church and afterwards at a

reception at 9, Tregunter Man-

sions, May Road. [8661]

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THE PIRACY PERIL.

By devious channels information

has reached the authorities in Hong

Kong that certain lawless persons

nominally resident in the neighbour-

hood of Bias Bay have made plans

for celebrating the New Year in

their own peculiar way. According

to report, two gangs of pirates are

contemplating a coup within the

next few weeks, and this informa-

tion is said to have been obtained

from a well-informed source. There

is nothing at all improbable in the

story. In fact, it is quite likely

that these desperadoes are constant-

ly planning coups, and attempting

SOVIET'S FURTHER ADVANCES

TERRIBLE TOLL OF AIR RAIDS.

JAPANESE ALARMED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, Nov. 22. According to the Asahi's Harbin correspondent, refugees arriving at Hailar report that 1,000 Chinese troops and civilians seeking safety in the Dalainor coal mine from air raids, perished when Soviet planes bombed the mine, causing cave-ins. The same correspondent reports that Chinese troops have evacuated Manchuli and are retreating in the direction of Dalainor Lake.

Soviet irregulars are reported to be active in the Dalainor region making the despatch of relief trains impossible. Soviet occupation of two Chinese villages on the Argun River is reported.

Soviet bands are reported active between Mishan and Muling on the eastern front, and are dominating this area.

T. V. Soong in Hankow.

HANKOW, Nov. 22. Mr. T. V. Soong returned here last night. He confirmed the occupation of Loyang by Government troops, and intimated that the Generalissimo planned to re-visit Hankow within a few days, and would probably make a quick trip to Nanjing.

MANCHULI CAPTURED BY SOVIET

A "RELIABLE" REPORT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, November 22. It is reliably reported that the Mukden authorities have received messages from Harbin stating that Manchuli and Chalainor have been occupied by Soviet forces.

LATER.

The situation around Manchuli is reported acute, hence the Chinese Commander has been ordered to evacuate.

The Japanese Consul-General is much concerned as to the fate of Japanese residents, but is unable to obtain any information.

THE RUSSIAN FORCES.

According to the Kuo Min, a total of about 40,000 Soviet troops are now concentrated at various points near Peking.

The distribution of this large "Red" Army is as follows:

1. At the Fourth Station, near Peking: 3 infantry battalions, 2 cavalry battalions, 1 field artillery corps, 1 heavy artillery corps, 2 armoured train corps, 60 trucks and 11 aeroplanes.

2. On the eastern bank of Hang-kai Lake: 2 field artillery companies, 2 infantry companies.

3. At Wutungting: 1 infantry company, 200 cavalry troops, and 1 artillery company.

4. Near Newshenwutsan: 1 infantry battalion, 500 cavalry troops, and 1 artillery company.

5. Near Linnukiangtze: 500 infantry troops, 300 cavalry troops, 100 artillery troops, 1 machine-gun corps and 15 armoured trucks. The various Soviet units are also equipped with poison gas.

River Shipping Losses.

It is estimated that a loss of over 82,000,000 has been sustained by the shipping interests in the Sun-gari and Amur regions as a result of the Soviet raids and detention of Chinese steamers by the "Red" troops. The loss includes the destruction of two passenger steamers, 17 freight boats and 13 other ships commanded by the Bolsheviks.

TIENTSIN KIDNAPPING AFFAIR.

WHOLE GANG NOW IN CUSTODY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TIENTSIN, Nov. 22. Following the arrest of the ninth member of the gang, the police have released the details of the kidnapping of Mr. Aaron Brenner. It transpires that Mr. Brenner was taken from a ricksha by a gang who drove up in a motor. He was then driven a long distance, evidently roundabout, and eventually imprisoned in a very small unventilated room opposite the German Consulate. He was continuously threatened with death if the police were informed, or his ransom failed to materialize.

Meanwhile his brothers were frequently telephoned from all parts of Tientsin by the gang, who gave instructions as to the method of payment of the ransom.

In the early morning on November 13 two members of the gang guarding Mr. Brenner extracted a promise that he would pay them \$75,000 for his release. They mentioned that they had heard that other members of the gang had already received one lakh.

Mr. Brenner was taken in a ricksha, escorted by his guards, and released near his home. The police rapidly worked on available information, and rounded up a number of suspects, some of whom Mr. Brenner subsequently recognized.

It is thought that the whole gang are now in custody.

BRITISH TRADE IN CHINA.

VITAL QUESTION OF PRICES.

MR. DODWELL'S VIEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Nov. 21. Toasting the China Association at the annual dinner in London to-night, H.R.H. Prince George, the principal guest, emphasised his great interest in Empire trade and recalled the two years he spent with the Royal Navy in Chinese waters.

The Prince said he was most impressed with all he saw of that wonderful country, and he appreciated the anxious care with which the China Association nurtured and fostered trade with China. He expressed an earnest hope for a return of prosperity to China.

Mr. Stanley Dodwell, replying to the toast, said that the China market was expanding and offered increasing opportunities. There was good reason to take a hopeful view of the United Kingdom's commercial prospects in China, but a very great deal depended upon prices. We were being beaten in some directions by Japan and America, as well as by the Continent.

Our distributing organisations in China, he went on, were superior to those of any other Western nation, but the most skillful, most alluring salesmanship could not prevail against lower prices.

Tragedy.

A tragedy occurred during the dinner, Mr. P. Lister Knight being taken suddenly ill. He collapsed and died in the lounge, the guests being unaware of the tragedy.

LORD HAILSHAM AND EXTRALITY.

"ABOLITION RUMOURS" DISBELIEVED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, Nov. 22. Lord Hailsham, the guest of honour at the Anglo-American Association dinner to-day, said, "I have read a rumour that the Chinese Government intends unilaterally to abolish extrality. I don't believe it. I think that China is quite rightly seeking to impress upon the civilized nations her right to a place as a sovereign State, but I am quite certain China is not going to regard her treaties as scraps of paper, thus presenting her detractors with the argument that she is unfit to take her place among the civilized nations."

"I don't believe the Chinese Government will be so careless of China's honour."

The dinner was attended by a large and representative gathering, under the Chairmanship of Mr. J. C. Ferguson. Sir Miles Lampson was present.

DEPARTURE OF MR. MACMURRAY.

A GREAT SEND-OFF.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, Nov. 22. One of the most memorable send-offs from Peking in recent years was accorded to Mr. MacMurray and family this evening. Long before the train was due to leave, the Minister appeared, large crowds of Peking's foreign population gathered on the platform, while outside the American Legation a guard was drawn up in dress uniforms for a last inspection by the Minister. This was his Guard of Honour, while a Marines band in attendance rendered suitable music.

All the Legations were well represented at the station, including the majority of the Ministers. Many Chinese were among the crowds wishing the Minister bon voyage, and cheering him to the echo.

Mr. Mahlon Perkins will be Chargé d'Affaires until Mr. Johnson's arrival.

AMERICAN COTTON INDUSTRY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MEMPHIS, Mo., Nov. 22. It is announced that officials of the Cotton Co-operative Association from the entire cotton belt will meet the Federal Farm Board here in a few weeks to lay the foundation of a National Co-operative Corporation.

NEW FILM CENSOR IN BRITAIN.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 22. The Home Secretary, Mr. Edward Shortt, has been appointed Film Censor in succession to the late Mr. T. P. O'Connor.

Mr. Shortt represented Newcastle West as a Liberal from 1910-1922, and in addition to holding the office of Home Secretary, he was Liberal Government he was for one year Chief Secretary for Ireland.

SOUTH AFRICAN UNREST.

SOVIET ACTIVITIES DENIED.

THE NATIVES' ANSWER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 21. A meeting of native leaders has made a statement very emphatically denying that the Third International was responsible for the unrest among the African peoples, and alleging that the Government was trying to arouse the whites in South Africa against the legitimate demands of the African people, whose unrest was due to the economic pressure of the Government, which is in every way obstructing the improvement of the economic status of the natives.

A New Mussolini!

The meeting of native leaders represented the League of African Rights, the African National Congress, and local branches of the Industrial and Commercial Workers' Union.

In a statement it was declared that the Third International had never been in communication or in close touch with the four native organisations, which challenged Mr. Pirow to publish the documents from Moscow which he stated that his department possessed.

The meeting alleged that the Government was determined to keep the natives in perpetual serfdom, and appealed to General Hertzog to reshuffle the Cabinet, which was so ambitious. The South African "Mussolini," the present Minister of Justice, should be relegated to a less responsible post.

The appeal added that the Government had ignored the natives' request to treat them as fellow citizens and had enacted obnoxious legislation such as the Colour Bar Act.

"Therefore, it is unnecessary to go to Moscow to find fomenters of trouble. We charge the Government with being the arch instrumentalists this time."

A Denial.

LATER.

Native leaders deny that they held a meeting. Kadalie, one of the leaders who is reported to have attended, explained that he had prepared a challenge for Mr. Pirow and had been reluctantly persuaded by friends to hand it over for publication.

He declared that the alleged meeting had never been held. Most of the native leaders did not sign the statement.

PRETORIA, Nov. 21. The Government is appointing a native commission, to visit Durban and enquire into the native unrest.

JAPANESE PRINCE'S TRIP.

OFFICIAL VISIT TO LONDON.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, November 22. The Imperial Household Agency announces that it has been decided that Prince Takamatsu accompanied by his bride, will proceed to London, leaving Yokohama on the Kashima Maru on April 21.

He will return thanks to the Duke of Gloucester for his mission, after which he will visit other European countries in his official capacity, and not *incognito*, as originally planned.

Though it is not stated, it is understood Prince Takamatsu will return to Japan via America in the summer of 1931.

ONE YEAR AFTER.

KING'S HEALTH GREATLY IMPROVED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 22. Lord Dawson of Penn, proposing the toast of "The King," at a dinner of the Royal Society of Medicine last night said "This day last year began that grave illness which nearly cost the King his life, and the nation the loss of its beloved Sovereign. This is a suitable gathering in which to state that the King in his recovery goes from strength to strength."

"THE TIGER" VERY ILL.

HOPES FADING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Nov. 21. M. Clemenceau is suffering from a severe attack of colic. Five injections of camphorated oil were given during the day. There is no immediate danger of a heart collapse, but the doctors are unable to hold out much hope.

PARIS, Nov. 22. M. Clemenceau's condition is reported to be serious. His family have assembled at his bedside.

BRITISH "DOPE SHIP."

S.O.S. FROM THREATENED WIRELESS MAN.

DESTROYERS' SEARCH.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, November 22. British Naval Authorities in the Mediterranean yesterday picked up a wireless message from the str. Baron Elcho stating that the wireless operator was in danger of being drugged or murdered, and asking for immediate assistance. The position of the steamer was not given, but it is known that she was on a voyage from the Dutch East Indies, and left Port Said for Marseilles on Wednesday steaming 63 knots.

Immediately on receiving the call for help the Commander-in-Chief of the Mediterranean Fleet, Admiral Sir Frederick Field, despatched a destroyer, Witch, Wren, Worcester and Whitehall, to search for the vessel, and investigate the reasons for the mysterious message.

The Baron Elcho is a steamship of 4,290 tons, owned by Hogarth & Sons, Glasgow, and is manned by Europeans and Lascars.

Dope Running Alleged.

A Reuter message states that destroyers are speeding at 20 knots to intercept the ship, and firing her to Malta for investigation. The wireless S.O.S. read "There is heavy contraband traffic on this ship, in cocaine, and repeated efforts to drug or murder the wireless operator. Require immediate help."

The steamer Dago picked up an unofficial statement, attributed to the wireless man that he suspected someone in authority was attempting to poison him, owing to his discovery of the smuggling of cocaine. He added "I am too ill to keep watch."

The agents state that there was trouble aboard before sailing from Egypt, but it was satisfactorily settled. The owners in London state that the cargo is sugar from Java, and that the vessel is not carrying cocaine.

AUSTRALIAN FINANCE.

BIGGER TAXES ON BIG INCOMES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CANBERRA, Nov. 21. A special Budget statement was made to Parliament by Mr. Theodore, the Federal Treasurer to-day outlining the steps which the Government had decided to take as regards finance.

He said that there was no time to renege the proposals made by the Government's predecessors in office, but in order to fill the gap of £2,000,000 which was contained therein, he proposed to obtain additional revenue by certain increases in the customs and excise duties and by the imposition of a super-tax varying from ten per cent. on incomes of over £200 to twenty per cent. on incomes over £2,000 per annum.

The Government, he added, was convinced of the necessity of controlling the credit resources by national institutions. The Government was, therefore, contemplating the re-modelling and increasing the scope of the functions of the Commonwealth Bank.

LATER.

It is learned that the increased customs duties proposed by Mr. Theodore will affect textiles, including woollen piece-goods, hats and stockings, and also metal manufactures and cigars.

Dearer Liquor.

CANBERRA, Nov. 22. Further provisions of the Budget include a 20 per cent. super tax (all of which is presumably applicable to existing taxes, not actual earnings), on company earnings, an increase of 8/- per gallon on spirits and sparkling wines, 2/- per gallon on still wines, and 10/- on perfumes.

Also a 40 per cent. increase of duty on unmanufactured tobacco and fourpence per pound on manufactured tobacco is announced.

Australian export spirits will pay an extra 5/- per gallon, and if unbottled there will be Customs supervision in order to ensure their purity.

MOSCOW'S WORRIES.

PLOTING IN THE UKRAINE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MOSCOW, Nov. 21. A counter-revolutionary organisation, headed by the leading members of the anti-Soviet Government of General Petlura, is alleged to have been discovered in the Ukraine, and alleged to have been working with the purpose of making the Ukraine a capitalist state.

The Ukraine leaders include M. Cherkovski, who was General Petlura's Prime Minister and who is now head of the Autocephalous Church of Ukraine.

Nikolski, Petlura's Foreign Minister.

THE COLONIES AND SINGAPORE.

GOVERNMENT'S "NEGLECT OF DUTY."

SOME ACRID COMMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Nov. 21. In the House of Commons to-day, on the motion for adjournment, Mr. S. G. Eden (Con.) raised a question on the Government's Singapore Naval Base policy, and said that the Government had decided a change of policy without even consulting those who contributed so largely and generously. The information was confined to Australia and New Zealand, and the Government's action was most unsatisfactory. This was a matter of great concern to the Colonies.

Australia in recent years had carried out a naval programme in close conjunction with the Home policy, based on the assumption that the Singapore Base would be proceeded with. It was long time since there had been such a grave neglect of duty in the matter of Imperial policy.

The mere fact of a "stoppage" of policy was a very important matter of policy to all concerned. Mr. Eden asked Mr. Ponsonby to undertake that no further step be taken either to delay, postpone, or speed up the Base without the closest collaboration of every part of the Empire at every stage, and said that such an undertaking would do something to atone for the gross and clumsy error in taste, tactics, and equity.

Government Reply.

Mr. Arthur Ponsonby, replying for the Government said that the Premier would have replied himself, but unfortunately he was engaged elsewhere. The Government welcomed the opportunity of clearing up a matter which appeared to have become an obsession with the Opposition on the question of consultation with the Dominions. Mr. Ponsonby said that the Dominions were consulted by the present Government on a quite unprecedented scale.

He definitely denied any change of policy regarding the Naval Base. The Government in its statement had merely shown as a precautionary measure that provisional steps might have been taken in view of possible eventualities, namely, the decision of the Five Power Naval Conference. There was, therefore, no change of policy, but it was necessary that the Dominions should be informed. Australia and New Zealand had been informed, but not consulted.

And More Promises.

Hong Kong, the Federated Malay States, and the Dominions would be drawn into full consultation regarding the whole policy about the time when the decision was being made, if and when it had to be made, after the conclusions which the Five-Power Conference reached.

Mr. Ponsonby said he would certainly undertake that no steps should be taken without the closest collaboration, because closest collaboration was going on. The Government throughout had acted strictly in a correct way, because it desired that whatever decisions the Government might reach in the future, to see that the Empire should act as a whole. Mr. Ponsonby felt that the various parts of the Empire had no cause for complaint whatsoever.

Mr. Amery, criticising the Government's action, said that he wanted to see consultation with the Dominions before Britain entered the Five-Power Conference. The matter was then dropped.

PRESERVATION OF GAME RESERVES.

EVILS OF MOTOR-CAR HUNTING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, November 22. In the House of Lords, in the course of a debate upon preservation of Empire fauna, the Earl of Oslow urged the importance of the establishment of game reserves in the Colonies, particularly Africa and Malaya. He dwelt upon the increasing risk of extermination of game by "motor car hunters."

Lord Allenby, the Earl of Creve, and Lord Cranworth supported him.

Lord Passfield, replying, said he had no information as to the extent of the use of motor cars for game shooting, which was confined to the Serengeti Plain in East Africa. He mentioned that legislation was being introduced in the Tanganyika Council to make the penalty of motor car hunting imprisonment and confiscation of the car and equipment. He added that the introduction of game reserves was a cardinal feature in the policy of all Governments.

FUTURE POSITION OF IRAQ.

GROWING FRIENDSHIP WITH BRITAIN.

DISTRUST ENDED.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 22. In a Memorandum published to-day the Secretary for the Colonies, Lord Passfield, deals with the policy in Iraq. The Memorandum points out that under the Anglo-Iraq Treaty of 1927 the British Government undertook to support the candidature of Iraq for admission to the League of Nations in 1932, provided the present state of progress in Iraq is maintained, and all goes well in the meantime. The qualifying words were regarded in Iraq with deep suspicion.

As explanations and assurances proved of no avail, the British Government, on the advice of Sir Gilbert Clayton, which coincided with that of his predecessor, Sir Henry Dubs, decided to examine the possibility of dispensing altogether with the provision, and it was felt that the time had come when His Majesty's Government could safely and with a full sense of their responsibility towards the League decide definitely to recommend Iraq for membership in three years time.

The effect of this announcement upon the internal political situation in Iraq was immediate. Distrust and suspicion gave place to mutual confidence and good will. Iraq is anxious to co-operate with the British Government in the solution of outstanding questions before 1932.

The necessary steps will be taken to prepare a draft treaty to regulate the relations of Britain with Iraq, framed on liberal lines, and based generally upon the recent proposals for Anglo-Egyptian settlement.

New Commissioner.

Sir Francis Humphreys will leave London to-day en route for Iraq, where he will take up his appointment as High Commissioner in succession to the late Sir Gilbert Clayton. On his way to Bagdad he will visit Cairo, to meet the High Commissioner for Egypt, Sir Percy Loraine, and Jerusalem, where he will see Sir John Chancellor, High Commissioner for Palestine.

CONFISCATED GERMAN PROPERTY.

NO REPAYMENT OF PROCEEDS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 21. Mr. Philip Snowden, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the House of Commons to-day, stated the position of the Government on the question of the liquidation of German private property.

He said he had consulted the British experts of the Young Committee, and he was informed that the disposal of the surplus proceeds of the liquidation of German private property was fully considered by the Experts Committee in Paris, and that it was the intention of the British experts and of the experts of all the creditor Governments, that the proceeds of the liquidation of those properties should be retained in accordance with treaty by the creditor Power concerned, and that no part of such proceeds should be repaid to Germany.

It was only on this understanding that they agreed to the reduction of German obligations as proposed in the Young Plan. The German Government were duly informed that any surplus that arose would be credited to Germany on account of reparation debts.

British Sacrifices.

RUGBY, Nov. 22. In his House of Commons statement on the liquidation of ex-enemy property last night, Mr. Snowden, emphasised that Great Britain had been more, and not less, generous to the original owners of ex-enemy property than other creditor countries.

The common undertaking shared by Britain was only to cease liquidation and release unliquidated properties.

The British Government, however, had not only made compassionate allowances amounting to £5,000,000 to individuals but had offered to waive claims to properties as yet unliquidated, worth a similar amount.

More could not be done, in justice to the British taxpayer, and this was equivalent to an abandonment, as far as possible, of the relevant provisions of a Treaty which he had always favoured.

"T.P.'S" FUNERAL.

BURIAL IN LONDON.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 21. The funeral of Mr. T. P. O'Connor, "Father" of the House of Commons, took place at the Catholic Cemetery at Kensal Green, London, to-day.

Previously, Mr. O'Connor was buried at Westminster Cathedral, the Archbishop of Liverpool (Continued at foot of next column.)

THE UNEMPLOYMENT BILL.

"OMINOUS SHADOW" OF LIBERALS.

LLOYD GEORGE'S MOVE?

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 21. Miss Margaret Bondfield, Minister of Labour, moved in the House of Commons a second reading of the Unemployment Insurance Bill. She said the object of the measure was to remedy the outstanding defects of the present system. A most important change in the Bill was the abolition of the condition of placing on a claimant for unemployment pay the onus that he was genuinely seeking work, and the substitution of a new condition of showing not only that employment of suitable kind for the claimant was available, but that he could reasonably have been expected to know of it.

Important Proposals.

Miss Bondfield contended that the old condition involved a psychological test which it was administratively impossible to apply with the least degree of equity, particularly in depressed areas. Another important proposal of the Bill was contained in a clause lowering the minimum age for insurance. The Government had announced their intention of raising the school-leaving age to 15. That step would be taken not later than 1931.

The Bill proposed that when it was taken the minimum age for insurance should be reduced from the present age of 16 to the school-leaving age.

Lloyd George Criticises.

Mr. Lloyd George, the Liberal leader, strongly criticised the Bill. It was, he said, difficult to say "No" to a proposal giving two shillings extra to the wives of unemployed. But his principal misgivings were as to the tremendous expenditure which was being run up as a result of the Bill as a whole; an expenditure which this country could not pay. We had already since the general election added a burden of £18,000,000 to next year's Budget.

With regard to the extension of unemployment pay to boys of 15, Mr. Lloyd George said they ought to be putting the whole of their efforts into seeing that young men of 17, 18 and even beyond that age had got something to do. He appealed to the Government to make an effort to find work for younger men instead of bringing in doles to increase their demoralisation.

Qualified Support.

Reuter learns that Mr. Lloyd George, while very critical as regards many details, supported the second reading of the Bill and urged the Government to regard the House as a Council of State and not to resent criticism.

He warned Labour against Extremists. The small concessions they were demanding would run up a tremendous bill, which inevitably would mean that the system would break down.

Where Danger Lurks.

LONDON, Nov. 22. Prophecies that Mr. Maxton and his colleagues would be the chief thorn in the flesh of the Government in the Unemployment Bill debate last night were not fulfilled.

Instead it was Mr. Lloyd George who threw an ominous shadow over the scene. His speech was alternately witty and grim, and conveyed throughout an unmistakable note of warning to the Government. It is certain that the Liberals intend to force alterations to the Bill in the Committee stage.

SIMPLON-ORIENT EXPRESS ATTACKED.

PASSENGERS KILLED BY BANDITS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BELGRADE, Nov. 21. The Orient Express from Constantinople to Paris was attacked by bandits between the Serbian frontier station and Tarbroad.

Sports News

SHANGHAI STAR DEFEATS M. W. LO.

KEEN INTERPORT TENNIS GAMES.

MISS CRAWFORD'S GALLANT FIGHT.

VITAL MATCHES FOR TO-MORROW.

That the current Interport between Hong Kong and Shanghai is proving a great attraction was shown by the big attendance at the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground yesterday, the third day of this series. The spectators had good reason to be present for the No. 1 Singles for both men and ladies were on the programme. The two matches turned out to be very interesting and needless to say some excellent tennis was witnessed. At the end, honours remained even, Hong Kong capturing the Ladies' Match and Shanghai the Men's. Mrs. Tottenham beat Miss Crawford, 6-1, 6-8, 6-2, and Gordon Lum beat M. W. Lo (the Hong Kong Captain) by 6-1, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.

Yesterday's results have placed the Interport in a very interesting position. As the ladies' and men's matches are considered separately, Hong Kong thus lead by 2-1 in the ladies' event, while Shanghai hold a similar advantage in the men's. There is a brief respite to-day, but to-morrow the Interport will be concluded at the Kowloon Cricket Club. Only two matches in each event remain to be decided but the results of those will be anxiously awaited.

Hong Kong are favourably placed to win the ladies' event. The two remaining matches are: Miss Enid Lo v. Mrs. Stafford Smith (No. 2 Singles) and Miss Enid Lo and Mrs. Tottenham (Hong Kong Ladies' Captain) v. Miss Crawford and Miss Firth (No. 1 Doubles). Local followers of the game expect to see Miss Lo beat Mrs. Stafford Smith. Miss Lo has shown up consistently well of late and impressed the gallery at every one of her matches. Mrs. Stafford Smith, however, by her performance last Thursday, has shown herself to be a very tenacious and reliable player who knows how to play the right shot at the right time, and is capable of extending Miss Lo. Taking everything into consideration, Miss Lo should win.

Hong Kong's only hope in the men's event is to win both the remaining matches, but they have two reliable exponents upon whom to rely. S. A. Rumsan meets J. Wade (No. 2 Singles) and T. Honda meets P. Kong (No. 3 Singles). The results are difficult to forecast, and it really depends on individual form to-morrow. The programme is as follows:—

Kowloon C.C.
10 a.m.—
No. 2 Singles, Ladies—Miss Enid Lo v. Mrs. Stafford Smith.
No. 3 Singles, Men—T. Honda v. P. Kong.
3 p.m.—
No. 1 Doubles, Ladies—Mrs. Tottenham and Miss Enid Lo v. Miss Crawford and Miss Firth.
No. 2 Singles, Men—S. A. Rumsan v. J. Wade.
Ladies' Singles.

In the first match of the day, Mrs. Tottenham, local champion, met Miss Crawford, Shanghai champion, in the No. 1 Singles. Local players had confidence in their representative, but they saw her fully extended in the final set before she won.

It seemed an easy match for Mrs. Tottenham when she took the first set at 6-1. Miss Crawford simply could not stand up to the barrage of fine shots that came her way, but the Shanghai lady put an absolutely different complexion on the game later on, playing in a manner befitting her position and reputation as No. 1 Ladies' Singles player of Shanghai.

Strange to each other's play, Mrs. Tottenham's better experience prevailed, but the struggle that followed for the second and third sets showed very little difference between the two. Mrs. Tottenham produced fewer strokes and less varied styles, but depended chiefly on her forehand and baseline drives to carry her through, while Miss Crawford showed up well all round, especially on the backhand, which her opponent made a target. The winner, however, made capital use of her assets. She varied the pace, length and direction of her shots opportunely; and she did that very cleverly too, for it was evident that Miss Crawford caught her intentions very quickly. She was ever exploiting her shots and her opponent's weaknesses, and was enterprising and aggressive, at all times, especially in the third set. Miss Crawford gradually found her game, but Mrs. Tottenham sent over better and better shots until in the final set she was placing her side line and cross court drives a few inches from the boundary lines.

Plucky Miss Crawford.

Miss Crawford certainly played a splendid game. She possesses a fine repertoire of strokes, graceful style, quick eye and puts a lot of power into her shots. What impressed the gallery most was her ability to retrieve her opponent's difficult shots. She sometimes astonished Mrs. Tottenham by converting an apparent impossible save to an ace in her favour. She played with confidence after the first set, and generally beat Mrs. Tottenham when the latter made excursions to the net.

Miss Crawford was on the defensive most of the time in the final set, but secured 4 games, and had she taken some risks in the final stages, might have turned the tables.

The Play.

Mrs. Tottenham did not allow Miss Crawford to settle down, but forced her game on the visitor from the start. The latter failed to return most shots and lost the first set without opposition, at 6-1.

Miss Crawford played with determination in the next set and snatched three games in fine style. Her opponent retaliated by taking the next two, but by clever placements, Miss Crawford increased her lead to 4-2. She then played with confidence, but Mrs. Tottenham cleverly changing her tactics drew level at 4 all, and forged ahead at 5-4, due to errors.

Miss Crawford worried the winner by mixing up her shots and succeeded in equalising. Mrs. Tottenham won a love game, but Miss Crawford's ability in the next three games in returning her opponent's fine drives and difficult shots, enabled the visitor to draw level at one set all.

The final set was the best of the match. Both played splendidly and drew forth repeated applause from the gallery by their fine exhibition. The visitor drew first blood, but Mrs. Tottenham took the lead at 2-1, and by persistently attacking her opponent's backhand scored several aces, to enable her to increase her lead to 5-1. Miss Crawford made a determined stand, and won the next game, but had to acknowledge defeat at 6-2.

Men's No. 1 Singles.
M. W. Lo then met Gordon Lum, when another good game was witnessed, the latter winning eventually by 6-1, 6-8, 6-3, 6-4.

The winner was obviously the better and more polished player. His style and court craft demonstrated it, and he certainly produced better tactics. He was always on the aggressive, working his way for an opening, for a follow up to the net and for an eventual "kill." In this last respect he overdid it, as he often sent over a sitter, which Lo punished severely. He gave a good exhibition at the net where he forced his game on Lo.

Lo played a good game and did not lose "lying down." His splendid effort in winning the second set, after an unconvincing start, was greatly appreciated by and proved pleasing to the gallery. He had to fight a better all round exponent but did it creditably. He appeared comparatively slow, and only equalled his opponent at driving, but seldom took the initiative. Only when forced did he attempt to score aces.

The Play.
Lo disappointed his supporters by a poor performance in the first set which Lum won easily at 6-1, but after being 2 love down in the second set, began to show his true form, engaging Lum at driving and bringing off some fine shots. He took three games at a stretch, but Lum playing with force secured the lead again at 4-3 by dint of smart placements and increased it to 5-3. Then Lo forced his way to go ahead and equalise one set all.

Lum Dominant.
Lo, however, then adopted steady tactics which proved ineffective against Lum who quickly scored two games. Lo pulled up and levelled, but Lum playing with deadly accuracy brought the score to 5-5, dropped a game and finally won the set at 6-3.

Lum continued to be accurate and brilliant, and scored beautifully at the net. Lo also improved considerably and kept very close to his opponent, bringing the score from 1-2 down to 3-5 in his favour by judicious lobbing at the appropriate time. Lum pressed and scored again at the net. He also sent over a few fine side line drives, which surprised Lo, who lost the lead, which went to 5-3 in Lum's favour. Lo's final effort was made in winning the next game, but he was unable to do so, and lost the match.

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LOCAL FOOTBALL.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following games in the Hong Kong League are down for decision to-day:—

Division I.
Kick-off at 4.15 p.m.
K.O.S.B. v. China Athletic, Sookunpoo ground. Referee: L.S.B.A. Atkinson.
St. Joseph's v. Royal Navy, St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Mr. T. G. Stokes.
Hong Kong F.C. v. South China, H.K.F.C. ground. Referee: Lieut. Seal, M.C.
Club de Recreo v. Hong Kong Police, King's Park ground. Referee: Ldg. Sign. Ness.
Kowloon F.C. v. R.A., Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. F. Smith.

Division II.
Kick-off at 2.45 p.m.
K.O.S.B. Res. v. South China "A" Royal Navy ground. Referee: P.O. Mellow.
R.A. Res. v. Eastern F.C., Sookunpoo ground. Referee: Sgt. Bunting.
Club de Recreo Res. v. Royal Navy Res., King's Park ground. Referee: Mr. C. Mose.
R.A.M.C. v. St. Joseph's Res., China Athletic ground, Happy Valley. Referee: Mr. Gr. Fisher.
China Athletic "B" v. China Athletic "A" North Point Stadium. Referee: L.S.B.A. Mann.
Hong Kong F.C. Res. v. Ewo Chinese, H.K.F.C. ground. Referee: Ldg. Cook Kidd.
Kowloon F.C. Res. v. South China "B" Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Q.M.S. Scott.

PLAYERS AND PROSPECTS.

Soccer fans will turn out in force to see the match between the K.O.S.B. and China Athletic on the Garrison ground at Sookunpoo. China Athletic are playing well just now but they may receive a set back should the military team strike their form. Reeves should be back in the team and his inclusion will strengthen the defence which was very weak against S.L.I. in mid-week. Skiggs going up to his position at left half will also strengthen the middle line. China Athletic will be out to take full points for they cannot afford to drop points just now. Suen Kum Shun is showing his old form and with Tso Kwai Shing keeping his head, the K.O.S.B. defence will be in for a hot time. The game will be keenly contested and the result in doubt until the final whistle sounds.

The Royal Navy appear to have on an easy thing with St. Joseph's within the racecourse, but the College team is an uncertainty and anything may happen. The Navy have a bigger field to pick from now and expect to take full points.

South China are due out on the Hong Kong F.C. ground in opposition to the Club de Recreo and Bishop absent from the team. South China should have an easy win. Yet, the unexpected may happen, and the Club score a snappy goal in the opening minutes and then concentrate on defence. Pau Ka Chuen made a welcome re-appearance for South China against St. Joseph's at Caroline Hill last week and with the inclusion of Fung King Cheong, South China will have a lively attack.

The Club de Recreo are due to receive the Hong Kong Police at King's Park. These teams are fighting for the bottom position and each have one point only to date. The Police are trying McHardie in goal in place of Estall. The Recreo having the advantage of playing at home should win by a narrow margin.

Kowloon F.C. are not likely to lose their unbeaten record when they meet the R.A. to-day on the Railway ground. Moss replaces Simpson as leader of the attack, the rest of Kowloon team being unchanged. Gill was a star turn in the Army team last week and will want watching to-day.

The Juniors.
South China "A" are likely to lose to-day to the K.O.S.B. on the Royal Navy ground in the junior division.
The game at the Stadium between China Athletic "A" and "B" teams should be keen with the "A" taking the points. Among the winners should be Royal Navy, St. Joseph's, Kowloon and Eastern.

Mixed Doubles.

There will be a friendly mixed doubles between Hong Kong and Shanghai at the Chinese Recreation Club this afternoon commencing at 2.15. Four pairs will represent each side, and matches of best of three sets will be played.

Shanghai will be represented by Mrs. Stafford Smith, Miss Crawford, Miss Firth, Miss Collesco, Wade, Canavarro, Kong and Lum. Hong Kong's pairs are as follows: Major Lucms and Mrs. Tottenham, M. W. Lo and Miss E. Lo, Dr. Tottenham and Mrs. Miles, H. D. Rumsan and Mrs. James.

Interport Dinner.
The Interport Dinner will be held on Monday at the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden.

OVER THE STICKS.

TO-MORROW'S STEEPLE-CHASES AT KWANTI.

TIPS AND SELECTIONS.

[By "MORNING DEW"]

There will be plenty of keen competition to-morrow afternoon at the Kwanti Courses when the Fanling Steeplechases will hold their Autumn Meeting.

As I have already stated, the usual train arrangements will be available, the special train leaving Kowloon at 1.50 p.m. and returning from Fanling at 5.35 p.m.

Entries, on the whole, are gratifying and there should be some close finishes. Among the animals entered are Huntington, Brin's Isle, Orange William, Fort Pond Bay, Ace of Spades, and Fanling Stag, and as there are only five races on the card, the battle for honours will undoubtedly be keen throughout. By the way a misprint in my last article made it look as if the hurdles are "now higher." What I wrote was the hurdles are not higher.

For the first race, I expect a fairly good field, including the aged Fernleaf, who was a very good jumper in his day. Whether the pony can show any of his past form or not remains to be seen, but I am inclined to think that he is past racing.

Orange William is entered, and there is a good deal of quiet confidence in him. He jumps and runs well, and it seems that the public will not have to look very far in seeking the winner. Strathlorne is a safe and sure jumper, and Target, I think, may start here, in which case he will be a danger to Orange William. The ponies will run at 1.38 lbs.

Autumn Services Plate.

The biggest field of the day will probably be in the second race over a mile and a quarter. The probable starters here will be Sure, Mowgli, Movanager, James Pigg, Fire Call, Fanling Stag, Desert Storm, Brown Eye, Bingo, and As You Like It. If the last-named strikes a good patch he should win, but he will find Fanling Stag a game customer throughout the race. The public will no doubt fancy Fanling Stag's chances after the latter's victory in flat racing over As You Like It, and there is real ground to think the Stag will win, although personally I prefer As You Like It. Mowgli is a reliable little pony, and can be trusted to get a place.

The November Cup.

This is the first race for the Kwanti "cracks" at weight for inches. I understand the racing season begins in November, and consequently there are no penalties imposed on the first open race of the season.

Ace of Spades looks a good thing here and should win easily. The task of spotting the other placed ponies will be difficult. Duke of Neiblung, King's Parade, and Social Mark are likely to start.

Castle Peak Handicap.

Erin's Isle, in spite of his poor showing at Happy Valley, will do quite well to-morrow at Kwanti, as I hear the pony is a very good jumper. He will have against him Blotting Paper, Newfoundland, Chama, Safety Last, and Montana. The last-named is fairly good, and should be among the placing, and Blotting Paper strikes me as being likely to do well.

November Maidens.

For this race over the mile, Fort Pond Bay and Huntington will probably start favourites, both animals having shown up very well during the trials. Other likely starters will be Diana, Gold Medal, Honeymoon, Jock, King's Parade, Mountain Greener, and Rummy. I think Jock will pay well to follow for the remaining place.

By the way, the heights of Bingo and Brown Eye are given in the programme as 13.1 and 13.2 respectively. This should read 13 hands and 13.1, and the ponies will start at 152 lbs. and 158 lbs. in "weight for inches" races.

The jockeys who will be riding to-day include Messrs. Dowbiggin, Charles, Stanton, Beck, Macartney, Dr. MacGown, and a number of riders from the Army who are very good at steeplechasing.

SELECTIONS.

Race 1.
Orange William.
Target.
Strathlorne.
Race 2.
As You Like It.
Fanling Stag.
Mowgli.
Race 3.
Ace of Spades.
King's Parade.
Duke of Neiblung.
Race 4.
Erin's Isle.
Montana.
Blotting Paper.
Race 5.
Huntington.
Fort Pond Bay.
Jock.

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9.50 G. S. Archbutt and D. M. MacDougall.
9.55 C. E. Holmes and K. S. Morrison.
10.00 R. D. Wrigley and G. R. Horridge.
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10.10 A. E. Lissaman and A. D. Humphreys.
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10.40 D. J. Gilmore and E. D. Matthews.
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10.50 T. G. Bennett and A. G. Coppin.
10.55 G. W. Tate and N. L. Smith.
11.00 L. G. S. Dodwell and A. H. Ferguson.
11.05 C. Baumer Johnson and D. G. MacDonald.
11.10 I. W. Shewan and L. R. Andrews.
11.16 H. R. Sturt and J. Coulthart.
11.20 W. B. Cornaby and A. Pierce.
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The Kowloon-Canton express which left Kowloon at 3.25 p.m. on Thursday did not get to Canton till well past midnight, being several hours behind scheduled time.

It was reported that a collision occurred on the line at Shek Tan Station in Chinese territory, but inquiries last night from the Railway authorities showed that no official details were to hand, the only fact which they were able to confirm being that the train was delayed.

Passengers who arrived from Canton last night, however, tell an interesting story of the reason for the collision. It would appear that owing to the present unsettled state of the country, troops were being re-called from the East River district to Canton. The Chinese Section of the Railway is on the East River and no fewer than 3,500 troops arrived on Thursday morning at the Cheung Muk Tau Station.

The troops, it is understood, sent off a cable to the authorities at Canton asking that a train be sent to convey them to that city. Accordingly, a special with twenty empty coaches left Canton at 4 p.m. bound for Cheung Muk Tau Station. The train approached Shek Tan at about 6 p.m. at which time, the express from Kowloon was also due to pass that station.

Whether or not the express was warned of the approach of the train from Canton does not seem certain, but the two trains collided near the Shek Tan Station and as a result of the impact, two of the empty coaches of the train from Canton were derailed. There was not much damage otherwise but the derailed coaches formed an obstruction on the line and although a breakdown gang was rushed from Canton, it was not until a late hour that the express was enabled to proceed on its journey, arriving at Canton, it is said, at 12.45 a.m.

Fortunately, none of the passengers on the express were injured to any serious extent and beyond a "shake-up" most of the passengers escaped unscathed.

TRAFFIC CASES.

PROSECUTING OFFICER'S

ILLNESS.

Owing to the illness of Sub-Inspector MacWalter, former Officer in Charge of the Traffic Department, Kowloon, the case against Mr. C. Michel, of the Peninsula Hotel, for reckless driving, was adjourned sine die.

Two lorry drivers were fined \$20 each for driving without efficient brakes. In one case the foot brake was out of action, and in the other both were useless.

A fine of \$5 was paid by a Chinese, on behalf of a friend who was out of the Colony, following a summons for turning a corner without giving the signal.

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A meeting of the Sugar Merchants' Association was held last night to consider the additional bank commission which is now being charged on irrevocable letters of credit (without recourse) which sugar merchants have to establish when dealing with sellers in Java. A recent circular from the associated banks notified sugar dealers that in future a minimum commission of 1 per cent. on all such letters of credit will have to be charged.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Ho Yu, who explained that the Association had written to Java to ascertain if sugar dealers were prepared to do business on any other basis other than the irrevocable letter of credit (without recourse) system, and the replies had been that no business was possible on any other lines.

It was decided to write to the associated banks once again to see if they could not see their way to charge a minimum commission of 1 per cent. instead of 1 per cent., and that for bills of more than 60 days' usage, a further 1 per cent. is to be charged for every 30 days. If however a bill is retired long before it becomes due, no commission is chargeable for the unexpired period, provided of course that the unexpired period is a month or more.

It was resolved that if the associated banks were not able to meet the sugar merchants then the latter body would probably write to the China Association in London with a view to getting them to negotiate matters on behalf of the sugar merchants with the Eastern Banks in London.

Right on the Left.

The summons against a lorry driver, charged with being on the wrong side of the road at the Star Ferry Pier, was dismissed. An Indian constable told the Magistrate that the defendant was so close to the pier that he collided with one of the pillars. His Worship pointed out that the summons was for not keeping to the left, but the constable had said that he was too far on the left!

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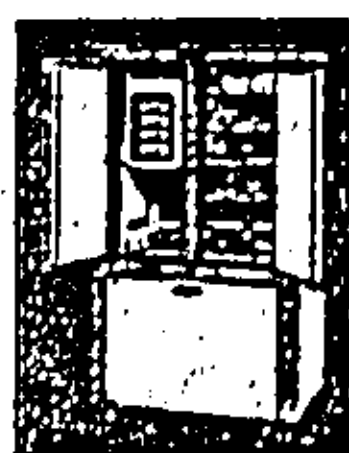
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**CLUB LIFE IN THE
COLONY.**
**BRASS RAILS DETRIMENTAL
TO OUR YOUNG MEN?**
**SPIRITED DISCUSSION AT
Y.M.C.A.**

 After a spirited debate in which
"the evils of the club system," the
"rounds of drinks after a game,"
and the "waste of time which
otherwise might be devoted to for-
warding one's interests in one's
profession," formed the chief argu-
ments for the affirmative, the motion
was carried by a narrow majority
at the European Y.M.C.A. on
Thursday, "that Club Life in Hong
Kong is detrimental to the Men of
the Colony."

 The Rev. J. H. Johnston presided
at the debate.

 The voting was probably in-
fluenced to some extent by the con-
tention of the leader for the affirma-
tive (Mr. P. J. Clancy) that as
the resolution was worded he has
not necessarily to prove that Hong
Kong could get along better without
its Clubs, but so long as he proved
that a detriment to young men
existed then he had carried his
point. No-one would attempt to
deny that in affording recreational
facilities Clubs in Hong Kong were
fulfilling an extremely valuable and
necessary service. If they stopped
at that then it would be impossible
to bring a case against them. But
he was afraid that in the course
of the (often prolonged) adjourn-
ment to the "brass rail" subse-
quent to a match, much of the good
obtained from the afternoon's sport
was vitiated. This applied particu-
larly to Hong Kong and the East
generally, for at Home the "bar"
did not play so great a part in
sporting club life as it did "East
of Suez"; in fact it did not exist
at all in many tennis and cricket
clubs at home where the game was
played for its own sake and one
then "packed up and went home."
Club life out here was the exact
opposite of home life, and although
it was difficult to obtain home life
here as one understood it at Home,
it was possible to obtain a measure
of it without frequenting Clubs regu-
larly to the detriment of one's
mental calibre, not to mention one's
bank balance.

How Could We Live Without You?

 In opening for the negative, Mr.
A. Brown said it was easy to paint
a tragic picture of the wailing wife
and crying kids sitting on the Club
doorstep waiting for the erring hus-
band. Apart from the question of
the exact veracity of such a picture,
the proportion of married men to
single in the average Club was
small and that aspect of the ques-
tion was not so important as the
effect of Club life on single men.
If there were cases of young fellows
falling into drinking habits and
late hours owing to the ease with
which a club was signed, then he
did not think this should be laid
at the door of the Clubs. Men did
not come to Hong Kong with the
cradle marks still on them, ready
to be drawn into bad habits at
the slightest provocation. "As the
twix is bent, the tree is inclined,"
and such cases if they existed were
only the manifestation of inherent
weakness. Broadly speaking, any
tangible objection to Clubs had its
foundation on the drink question,
and whilst the subject of Prohibition
did not fall within the scope of the
debate, it must be recognised that
if bars were excluded from the
Clubs, this would only mean increas-
ed business for the nearest public
bar. So far as the constructive side
of his case was concerned, the
speaker continued, he would refer
firstly to the natural instinct to
"get together," that one found
manifested in Clubs. How could
social life exist without the Clubs.
The gregarious instinct was one of
man's better instincts and the fol-
lowing of it was only detrimental
if he got in with the wrong crowd
and allowed his better nature to
be submerged in that of others.

When One Ought to be Studying!

 Mr. A. White, seconding the
leader for the affirmative, said that
the best test of a man's mental
calibre was the manner in which he
spent his leisure hours. The great-
est schemes for the benefit of man-
kind had been worked out in
solitude. Certainly, the atmosphere
of the Club bar was not conducive
to the formulation of such schemes
and in that Clubs were often respon-
sible for detaining a man who might
otherwise be studying with a view
to bettering his position, they acted
detrimentally in many instances.
The speaker referred to the case of
the married man who in forsaking
home life for club life gave way
to the weakest in his character and
anyone who had lived for any length
of time in the East would agree
that the Club habit—the man who
wasted his time at the brass rail—
was usually inclining in grey matter
as compared with one who did not.

Social Activities and—One for the
Ladies.

 Mr. A. Loughton, in seconding
the leader for the negative, referred
to the many advantages obtainable
(Continued on next Column.)

 Little niceties at table show
the taste of the hostess;
the spotless linen, the shining
silver, the fresh flowers and
the salt —

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 "I want a monocle."
"Yes, madam. What type would
you like?"

 "What type, have you?"
"Well, madam, or—what is
wrong with the eye?"
"Nothing. How dare you!"

 There is a boudoir boom in
monocles. Signs of the monocle
craze, which took Paris by storm
in 1923 and 1927, are being watch-
ed closely by the opticians.

 "Scores of women are buying
monocles these days," said a Lon-
don optician. "There have been
monocled debutantes and monocled
brides. The fashion, which was at
its height when the masculine wo-
men first became the vogue, is re-
turning."

 "Most of the monocles we sell
are plain glass, and frequently the
buyers return with the complaint
that they will not stay in the eye.
When we explain that it is not
the fault of the eyeglass but the
eye they are hurt."

 A monocle can change a face com-
pletely. Women welcome the
monocle manner as a new person-
ality. They change their faces with
their frocks.

 Tea leaves will be found invalua-
ble for cleaning varnished wood
if they are saved for a few days
and soaked in a pint of hot water
for half an hour. The liquid is
then ready for use.

 Hot water marks may be remov-
ed from a polished table by mak-
ing a thin paste with salad oil
and salt, placing it on the mark
for about an hour, and then rub-
bing well with a soft duster.

**MORE RELIGION: FEWER
SUICIDES.**
**CORONER'S SUGGESTION TO
VICTIMS OF WORRY.**

 "The number of tragedies lately
is becoming alarming," said Mr.
T. R. Kent, the deputy coroner,
at a Reading inquest on a suicide
tragedy.
"I think," he added, "it is be-
cause of the absence of religious
feeling in the world. If a man
could only look at his troubles from
the religious point of view he would
struggle to the end."

 from Club life, instancing the con-
certs which were organised to re-
lieve the tedium and to benefit local
charities, the easy access to books
and the organisation of other social
activities which gave a man something
to do and interested him in others
instead of leaving him to become
as many non-Club-goers were—self
centred and morbid individuals.
The speaker referred to the central-
isation of recreational facilities in
Hong Kong as compared with those
at home where one often had to
spend half the afternoon getting to
a sports ground and instanced the
greater varieties of sport which were
open to a young man of moderate
means in Hong Kong as compared
with their limitation at Home.

 So far as the married man going
astray was concerned, he thought it
possible that married men often
dropped into Club life because there
was no home life for them. If
women did not go to Clubs, they
were often away on Bridge parties
and it might be that the fault lay
at Home and not with the Clubs.

 After discussion from the body of
the hall, the motion was put to the
meeting and it was decided—by 15
votes to 12—that Club Life was
detrimental to the men of the
Colony.

CAULIFLOWER.

 As the principal ingredient of a
salad. Coat the sprigs (rather un-
der than over cooked) with mayon-
naise, sprinkle with chopped pars-
ley, arrange lettuce leaves round
and garnish with beetroot cut in
discs.

 In soup. Boil the vegetable in
white stock till tender, rub through
a sieve, add a little milk to the
puree, thicken with cornflour and
serve with grated cheese.

 Pickled. Dip the sprigs into
boiling water for a minute or two,
then drain and when cold spread
them out on a dish and sprinkle
well with salt. Let them remain
two days, then drain and put them
into jars. Cover with boiling
vinegar and tie down when cold.

 This little frock of natural
Shantung silk is trimmed with
oddly shaped incrustations of
printed tussar in rose tones.

**THE INQUEST ON C.Q.M.S.
MINTY.**
**VERDICT OF "DEATH FROM
SELF-INFLICTED WOUND."**

 The adjourned inquest on the
body of C.Q.M.S. Arthur Minty, of
the 2nd Battalion The Wiltshire
Regiment was concluded last Satur-
day at H.M. Police Court, Shang-
hai, before Mr. I. T. Morris,
coroner.
The verdict was: "I find that
C.Q.M.S. Arthur Minty, of the
2nd Battalion The Wiltshire Regi-
ment, died at Shanghai on Novem-
ber 12, 1929, the cause of death
being a hemorrhage from a self-
inflicted wound to the carotid
arteries."

 Major McKelvie, surgical speci-
alist at No. 7 General Hospital, said
that the deceased was suffering from
sinus trouble and he was frequently
confined to hospital. Medical evi-
dence was then given as to the
nature of the wounds and the ver-
dict was returned as stated.

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Kashgar, P. & O., Nov. 23.
Kulmerland, Jepsen, Nov. 23.
Sarpedon, B.F., Nov. 26.
Pfalz, Melchers, Nov. 29/30.
Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., Nov. 30.
Pres. Wilson, Dollar, Dec. 1.
Anchises, B.F., Dec. 3.
Chenonceaux, M.M., Dec. 3.
Lahn, Melchers, Dec. 6.
Rawalpindi, P. & O., Dec. 7.
Dakar Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 10.
Persus, B.F., Dec. 10.
Belatana, P. & O., Dec. 14.
Hakone Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 14.
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, Dec. 15.
Athos II, M.M., Dec. 17.
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 YOKOHAMA MARU Monday, 18th Dec.

LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM,
via Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Suez.
 KASHIMA MARU Saturday, 30th Nov.
 HAKONE MARU Saturday, 14th Dec.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.
 TANGO MARU Wednesday, 25th Dec.
 AKI MARU Wednesday, 29th Jan.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.
 TOKIWA MARU Wednesday, 27th Nov.
 TOKUSIMA MARU Sunday, 1st Dec.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,
Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.
 ANYO MARU Sunday, 22nd Dec.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape
Town & Ports.
 WAKASA MARU Friday, 6th Dec.

NEW YORK, BOSTON via PANAMA.
 TAKAOKA MARU Thursday, 19th Dec.

LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Constantinople, Genoa &
Marseilles.
 DAKAR MARU Tuesday, 10th Dec.

CALOUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
 MORIOKA MARU Friday, 29th Nov.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
 FUSHIMI MARU Monday, 25th Nov.
 DURBAN MARU Monday, 25th Nov.
 AWA MARU Monday, 2nd Dec.

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XMAS LETTER MAIL FOR GREAT BRITAIN VIA SUEZ.

Xmas Letter Mail for Great Britain via Suez will be closed in the G.P.O. as follows:—
Registered mail at 9.45 a.m. Saturday, 23rd November.
Ordinary mail at 10.30 a.m.
This mail will be forwarded by the s.s. *Kasagar* and is due in London on the 23rd December.
The public is reminded that dutiable articles sent by letter post are liable to confiscation.
Christmas cards bearing not more than five written words may be forwarded at the special rates for Printed Papers, provided that the enclosing cover is left open.

XMAS LETTER MAIL FOR GREAT BRITAIN VIA SIBERIA.

Xmas letter mail for Great Britain via Siberia will be closed in the G.P.O. as follows:—
Registered mail at 5 p.m. 26th November.
Ordinary mail at 6 p.m. 26th November.
This mail will be forwarded to Kobe, Japan by the *Empress of Russia* and is due in London about the 21st December.

XMAS MAILS FOR CANADA AND U.S.A.

Xmas mails for Canada and U.S.A. will be closed in the G.P.O. as follows:—

MAIL FOR	Hour of Closing	FORWARDED BY	DATE DUE AT
Parcels for U.S.A.	3 p.m.	23rd Nov.	23rd Nov.
Parcels for Canada	3 p.m.	23rd Nov.	23rd Nov.
Reg. for Canada & U.S.A.	4.15 p.m.	26th Nov.	26th Nov.
Ordinary mail for Canada & U.S.A.	5 p.m.	26th Nov.	26th Nov.

INWARD MAILS.

From	To	Date
SHANGHAI & SWATOW	Shantung	23rd Nov.
STRAITS	Kyber	23rd Nov.
SHANGHAI	Fuchow Maru	24th Nov.
MANILA	Surabaya	25th Nov.
Calcutta & Straits	Pres. McKinley	25th Nov.
JAPAN	Emp. of Russia	25th Nov.
Suez & Straits	Nam Sang	27th Nov.
JAPAN	Tanda	27th Nov.
LONDON (parcels 24th Oct.) & STRAITS	Antiochus	27th Nov.
Suez & Straits	Tener	27th Nov.
JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Ortelis	27th Nov.
U.S.A. (San Francisco, 1st Nov.)	Teneris	27th Nov.
HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Kashima Maru	29th Nov.
MANILA	Pres. Wilson	30th Nov.
AUSTRALIA & MANILA	Pres. Jefferson	1st Dec.
AUSTRALIA & MANILA	St. Albans	9th Dec.
	Changie	10th Dec.

OUTWARD MAILS.

REGISTERED and PARCEL MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

For	To	DATE & TIME
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 21st Dec.	Kashgar	Saturday, 23rd, 9.00 a.m. Letters 10.00 a.m. G.P.O.
Japan & Canada—via Victoria, B.C. (17th Dec.) & Europe via Siberia (17th Dec.)	Tyndarus	Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. Reg. 9.15 a.m. Letters 10.00 a.m.
Haiphong	Union	Reg. 9.30 p.m. Letters 9.30 p.m.
Amoy	Proper	Reg. 9.30 p.m. Letters 9.30 p.m.
Manila	Ohinua	Reg. 9.30 p.m. Letters 9.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Pres. Jefferson	Reg. 5.00 p.m. Letters 5.00 p.m.
	Kyber	Reg. 5.00 p.m. Letters 5.00 p.m.
Wei Hai Wei via Swatow	Kueichow	Sunday, 24th, 8.30 a.m.
Haiphong via Swatow	Kiungchow	8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Canton Maru	9.00 a.m.

* Superimposed correspondence only.

HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Authorized Capital \$50,000,000
Issued & Fully Paid-up \$30,000,000
Reserve Funds:—
Sterling \$8,000,000
Silver \$14,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors \$30,000,000

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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in LOCAL CURRENCY and STERLING on terms which will be quoted on application.
Hong Kong, 13th Nov., 1929. [26]

HONG KONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

For the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 13th Sept., 1927. [2]

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Paid-Up Capital Gldrs. 80,000,000.
(£6,400,000.)
Reserve Fund Gldrs. 40,000,000.
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AGENCIES & BRANCHES:

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.
A. H. FERGUSON, Manager.
Hong Kong, 9th Jan., 1929. [30]

BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE POUR LE COMMERCE ET L'INDUSTRIE.

(Incorporated in France).
Princes Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong.

HEAD OFFICE:

74, Rue St. Lazare, Paris.
Capital, fully paid-up Frs. 50,000,000
Special Working Capital Frs. 50,000,000
Reserves Frs. 22,319,000

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London: Midland Bank, Ltd.
New York: American Exchange Trust Co., Banca Commerciale Italiana.
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Correspondents throughout the World.
A. ROLLIN, Manager.
Hong Kong, 1st July, 1929.

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Subscribed Capital £21,800,000
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C. L. C. SANDES, Manager
7, Queen's Road Central.
Hong Kong, 1st Oct., 1929. [29]

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(Special authorized by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

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SHOU J. CHEN, Manager.
Hong Kong, 29th June, 1927. [28]

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